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- II. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS.
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When the town of Paterson was founded, in 1792, there was but one church within the limits of the present city—the First Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa, commonly known as the Old Dutch Church of Totowa, erected in 1755 in what is now Ryle avenue, just south of Matlock street. The services were in the Dutch language. The First Presbyterian Church was the earliest congregation organized in the town after 1792. In the following pages much of its history and polity can be clearly traced. The minutes of the Board of Trustees have been printed verbatim from the original records, with which the proofs have been compared as the printing progressed. The Miscellaneous Documents have been collected from various sources, but most of them are in the archives of the church. The Session minutes have been carefully transcribed from the originals; where extracts only are given, they present every act of the Session not merely formal. The writer has accumulated material for a History of the Church, which he hopes to publish at no distant day. In the meantime the Records herewith presented are of permanent value, and the accompanying notes will, it is hoped, add to their interest.

PATERSON, N. J., August 19, 1893.



Minutes of the  
Proceedings of the  
Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Presbyterian  
Church  
At Paterson  
New Jersey





PATERSON, January 18 1814.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society at Paterson, held at the House of Mr. Samuel Colt this evening.\* Present Mess. Saml. Colt, David Auchinvolle, Alvan Wilcox and Brown King the following resolutions were adopted viz

1st. Resolved that the Church Contemplated to be built for the Society above mentioned shall be a frame building Forty feet deep by Fifty four feet wide erected upon such a plan as to admit of Twenty feet being added to the depth at any future period of time—or in case the prospect of a sufficiency of funds to finish the same in a plain and economical manner should warrant the trustees in the undertaking—the building to be erected to the intended size at once ; say sixty feet deep by fifty four feet wide.

2d. Resolved that Mr. Peter Crawford (present) is hereby requested to furnish a plan of the above and a bill of timber nesscessary for the same.

3d. Resolved that the Trustees meet again at the same place on Monday evening 24th Inst.

BROWN KING Secy.

PATERSON 24 Jany 1814.

The trustees of the first Presbyterian church in Paterson met this evening at the House of Mr. Samuel Colt, and adjourned, to meet at the same place on the 28th Instant—No business done.

BROWN KING Secy.

PATERSON 28th Jany 1814.

At a meeting of the trustees of the first Presbyterian church in Paterson held at the House of Mr. Samuel Colt in Pursuance of an adjournment of 24th Instant—Present.

Samuel Colt  
John Colt  
David Auchinvolle,  
Alvan Wilcox &  
Brown King.

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\* On Market street, No. 120, where Masonic Hall now (1889) stands.

The following resolutions were adopted. Peter Crawford having produced a plan of the church & bill of the timber according the resolution of 18 Instant—

1st. Resolved That Samuel Colt, Henry Godwin & Brown King be and are hereby appointed a Committee to carry the building of the Church into effect—and that Mr. Godwin be informed of the same by the Secretary with a request on behalf of the trustees that he would accept of the appointment.

2d. Resolved in the opinion of the trustees a considerable proportion of the timber may be procured as donations or contributions and that Mess. Samuel Colt, Henry Godwin, Peter Crawford and Robt. King are hereby authorized & requested to proceed to procure the same either by donation, Subscription or by Contract—and that Robert King be informed of the, appointment by the Secy with a request on behalf the trustees that he would accept of the same.

3d. Resolved that in the opinion of the trustees it will be most proper to build the church by day's work. Except such parts as may be advantageously done by Contract in discretion of the building Committee. And that Mr. Peter Crawford be employ'd as builder.

4th. Resolved that Materials may be either received as gratis donations or as subscriptions. Such as are received as subscriptions to be considered as Cash Subscriptions and to be accounted for in the same manner, viz. by their value in Pews, and all timber procured by Contract to be paid in Cash if required.

5th. Resolved That all reasonable charges for time or attention be allowed the Building Committee.

By order of the Board.

BROWN KING Secy.

PATERSON April 30 1814.

At a meeting of the trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson held at the House of Mr. S. Colt this evening—Present.

S. Colt

J. Colt

O. Wilder

A. Wilcox

Brown King, it was

Resolved 1st That the Church be built by Contract and not by the day's work, as agreed to in 3d Article on 28 Jan'y last—it being in the opinion of the trustees most conducive to expedition &c. to build it in the first mentioned way in this Resolve. And that advertisements be sent to the different builders in Paterson & Vicinity (say to Carpenters & Masons) re-



questing their estimates for the work and that it be advertised in the Newark Centinel & Express.\*

Resolved 2d That the Trustees meet on the Ground allotted & stake out the Church Lot on Monday Morning 2d May next.

Adjourned till the s'd time.

By order, BROWN KING Secy.

PATERSON May 2d 1814.

The trustees met at 9 O'Clock this morning according to adjournment, and staked out the Church Lot on the Square formed by the Intersection of Cross Street, Spring Street,† Ward Street (as it is contemplated to be run) & the Turnpike. Adjourned till further orders.

By order, BROWN KING Sec'y.

PATERSON August 5 1814

The trustees met this day when the Corner Stone of the "first Presbyterian Church in Paterson" was laid by the Rev'd Mr. Sam'l Fisher—it bearing the Initials of the Church, and date as above & "By the Rev'd S. Fisher."‡

B. KING Sec'y.

PATERSON October 3d, 1814.

Advertised for a meeting of the Subscribers for the purpose of Electing Seven trustees to fill the place of the present "trustees of the first Presbyterian Church at Paterson." Election to be held at the School House\*\* in Paterson on friday 14th Inst. at early Candle Lighting.

By order of the trustees,

B. KING Sec'y.

PATERSON Oct. 14th 1814.

The trustees met at the School House in pursuance of the advertisements for Election of trustees, but as there was no attendance of the Inhabitants, an adjournment of the meeting was agreed upon.

Adjourned the Election untill Monday evening 17th Inst at 7 o'clock.

By order of the trustees

B. KING Sec'y.

\* The CENTINEL OF FREEDOM and the ESSEX COUNTY EXPRESS, both published at Newark. There was no newspaper published in Paterson at this time.

† So called because it led from the Paterson and Hamburgh Turnpike (now Main street) to the Dublin Spring, at the corner of Spring and Mill streets. Spring street is now known as Oliver street.

‡ This corner-stone is now (1889) inserted in the wall of the vestibule under the tower at the northeast corner of the present church edifice.

\*\* Probably the Academy, a two-story frame building then standing at the corner of Market and Academy (now Union) streets.

Sunday 16th 1814.

Advertised the adjournment, as above, on the tree in front of the Dutch Church,\* & from the Pulpit.

By order as above,

B. KING Sec'y.

At a meeting of the Congregation of the "first Presbyterian Church at Paterson" held at the School House on Monday evening 17th Oct'r 1814. According to previous notices, given, for the purpose of electing trustees to supply the places of the present trustees whose term of service having expired—S. Colt Esq. being chosen Chairman & Brown King Secretary, the following persons were chosen trustees—Viz.

Samuel Colt, Esq.

John Colt

Oshea Wilder

Alvan Wilcox

John R. Gould

Wm. Dickey

Brown King.

B. KING Sec'y.

PATERSON April 27th 1815.

The Trustees met this evening at the store† of Sam'l Colt Esq. according to appointment for the purpose of appointing a person to act as trustee and Secretary in the room of Brown King who is removed from this place, and of taking into consideration the propriety of completing the church this season.

Present

Sam'l Colt

John Colt

O. Wilder

A. Wilcox

J. R. Gould

Wm. Dickey—When

John Clark was appointed trustee and Oshea Wilder Secretary

Resol'd that Sam'l Colt be the President of the trustees and also Treasurer.

O. WILDER Sec'y.

\* The ancient Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa, then standing on the old Totowa road (now Kyle avenue) between the present Hamburg avenue and Matlock street. The Presbyterian congregation worshipped there at this time.

† Probably the old frame building still standing at the southwest corner of Main and Market streets.

At a meeting of the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church at Paterson Held at the School House on Saturday evening the 6th of July 1816 according to previous notice given by written notice and from the Desk—for the purpose of Electing trustees to Supply the place of the present trustees whose term of service having expired John R. Gould was chosen Chairman and Oshea Wilder Secretary and the following persons Elected as trustees for the ensuing year,

Peter Colt  
Ezekiel Wade  
Oshea Wilder  
John Flood  
Samuel Colt  
John R. Gould  
John Colt

O. WILDER Sec'y Pro-tem.

July 6th 1816.

Agreeable to notice previously given the trustees met at the office of Messrs. Samuel Colt & Co.\* on the evening of the 25th of July 1816 for the purpose of chusing officers and transacting other business that may be proposed—present

Mr. Peter Colt  
S. Colt Esq.  
John Colt  
John Flood  
Oshea Wilder.

Peter Colt was unanimously chosen as President of the board of trustees and also treasurer—Oshea Wilder was chosen Secretary.

OSHEA WILDER Sec'y.

At a meeting of the trustees on the evening of the 26th Augt 1816. Present Peter Colt Sam'l Colt John Colt John R. Gould John Flood & Oshea Wilder & taking into consideration that as Capt. E. Wade had removed from this place it was necessary to appoint a person to act as Trustee in his place & Mr. Jacob J. Vn Houten being nominated was duly appointed a trustee for the church—Mr. Vn Houten has agreed to employ carpenters to work on the Church now building and to pay them to the amount of \$200 or more for which he is to draw interest till paid by the trustees S. Colt Esq. is appointed to Superintend the building.

O. WILDER Sec'y.

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\* Probably in their store, above mentioned: Messrs. Samuel Colt & Co. (Samuel Colt, Nicholas Delaplaine and John Colt) had a frame rolling mill, on the site of what is now known as the Gun Mill, the latter being erected twenty years later for the manufacture of revolving guns and pistols, then just invented by another Samuel Colt, a lad of about eighteen years in 1835.

PATERSON Oct'r 21 1816.

At a meeting of the trustees agreeable to a previous notice at the Store of S. Colt Esq. this evening—present, Peter Colt Sam'l Colt John Colt John Flood Jacob J. Vn Houten & Oshea Wilder—when Mr. Vn Houten presented his accounts for the work done upon the Church which being approved of it was unanimously agreed that Peter Colt do give a note in behalf of the trustees at two years from this date on interest to Jacob J. Vn Houten for amt. of his account which is \$213—and which note Mr. Colt signed as president of the Society.

OSHEA WILDER Sec'y.

At a meeting of the trustees at the House of Peter Colt, Esq.\* in the evening of the 20th November 1816. Present Peter Colt, Samuel Colt, John Colt John Flood John R. Gould & Oshea Wilder & Jacob Vn Houten when Abr'm R. Van Houten's acc'ts were adjusted for Brick & Carting, and a note at 12 months from 21st Nov'r with Interest was given him for the bal'e a hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars \$168—and signed by Peter Colt as president by order of the trustees.

O. WILDER Sec'y.

Agreeable to notice given

At a Meeting of the trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Church in Paterson at the House of Mr. Peter Colt in the evening of the 19th March 1817. Persons present—

Peter Colt	John Colt
Saml Colt	John Flood
and	
Oshea Wilder	

When it was resolved and unanimously agreed that Peter Colt, President of the Society should be & is hereby authorized to make the best arrangement he can in settling the claim of the Executors of Encrease Gould's Estate against the Church—and Mr. Colt is further authorized to settle and adjust the claim of John Garrabrant's against the Church and to give him a note for the amount due him payable in twelve months on behalf of the Society.

OSHEA WILDER Sec'y.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church of Paterson—held at the house of Peter Colt on Saturday the 11th April 1818. present—Peter Colt president, John Flood Samuel Colt John Colt, and John Gould, when on motion it was resolved that John Colt be appointed Secretary for this meeting.

\* The present City Hall, above the ground floor.



On motion it is resolved that a Seal be procured for the Society with the following letters viz F. P. S. in an oval, and be used as the authorized Seal of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson for all purposes that may be necessary, which Seal shall be kept by the President.

On motion it is resolved that proper Leases be made to the Rev'd Sam'l Fisher, by the President of this Society, of the dwelling house on the Old York road for 3 years from next May and also the Lot of Land near Edo Marcellus' held by this Society on a Lease from the Society for establishing useful Manufactures say for Seventeen years from next May, provided the s'd Rev'd Sam'l Fisher continues our Pastor so long.

On motion it is resolved that the President execute a proper Bond and Mortgage at Seven Years to John Colt & Samuel Colt for the Debt due to S. Colt & Co. the mortgage to be on the Church & Church Lot.

JNO. COLT  
Sec'y.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson, held at the house of Peter Colt present, Peter Colt, the president, John Flood, Samuel Colt, John Colt, John Gould & J. R. Van Houten it was on motion unanimously Resolved that the President pay out of any monies belonging to the aforesaid Society, to Samuel Colt & Co., to be end'd on the Bond they hold against aforesaid Society, the Sum of

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held at S. Colt's Store on the 2d Nov'r. 1818 by appointment, present Peter Colt, John Flood, John Colt, Sam'l Colt, J. R. Van Houten & Jno. Gould to take into consideration the best manner of plastering the church &c. On motion it was resolved that J. R. Van Houten, John Colt and John Flood be a building Committee to contract with any proper person to plaster the inside of the s'd Church by the square yard and to have it done without delay.

On further motion it was resolved that Munson Godwin be added to the building Committee.

JNO. COLT  
Acting Sec'y.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held at Sam'l Colt's store held by appointment present Peter Colt, John Flood, Sam'l Colt, John Colt & J. R. Van Houten. On motion it was Resolved that the Building Committee have the three fan Lights over the front doors made in the cheapest way and best manner and that the 2 circle or windows or sashes in the South End of the Church be fitted in by putting a circular rim round the Sash.

On motion it was resolved that the Desk be put up by Days work under

the particular direction of the building committee & to consult with the Rev'd Mr. Fisher on the subject & to be put up without the canopy or as they think proper.

On motion it was resolved that the Building Committee purchase the plank & boards necessary for Building the Pews in the Lower part of the House.

On motion it was resolved that the contemplated Pews in the lower part of the Church shall be built by Contract, the Boards & Plank & Nails necessary, to be furnished by the Building Committee—the pews to be finished in the same manner and equally as good as the Pews in the 2d Presbyterian Church in Newark, provided the s'd Committee can get the s'd pews built & put up at a price not to exceed the Sum of two Dollars and Fifty Cents for each Pew.

On motion it was resolved that some one of the Trustees call upon those who are behind for salary & settle in the best manner & cancel the rest.

JNO. COLT

Acting Sec'rty.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson held at Sam'l Colt's Store 22d May 1819. Present, Peter Colt, John Flood, John Colt, Samuel Colt, John Gould, Jacob I. Van Houten—to consider the propriety of painting the interior of the Church,—Mr. Samuel Colt proposed to get the said painting done to the amount of One Hundred Dollars for which he is to receive credit on the Books of the Society on account of his subscription toward building s'd Church, agreeable to the terms of subscription—and the said Trustees do further agree in consideration of this arrangement of Mr. Sam'l Colt for the painting and also on acc't of his attentions & services to the Building said chnrch from its commencement procuring materials &c, to give him One Pew when they shall be sold as an offset to his said services, but which pew shall however [be subject] to an annuity, the same as if he had purchased it—

On reading over the foregoing statements & propositions, on motion, they were agreed to and passed unanimously.

On a proposition that the flooring or deck of the steeple should be repaired so as to carry of the rain &c. Voted that the Building Committee take order for the same Mr. Peter Colt having agreed to furnish what may be deficient in the late subscription for completing the lower part of the Church.

Certified by Peter Colt,

Pres'd't.

JNO. COLT

Sect'y pro tem.

## II

At a meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church at Paterson held in their House of Worship this twenty-seventh day of October, A. D. 1819, agreeably to a notice given from the Pulpit at two different times, for the purpose of electing seven Trustees to serve for the ensuing Year or till others are legally chosen, Peter Colt was chosen Chairman & John Colt, Sect'y when the following persons were elected Trustees for the ensuing year or till others are legally chosen in their places, viz.

Peter Colt,	John Flood
Samuel Colt,	John Robinson
John Gould Esq.	Jacob J. Van Houten
Caleb Munson Godwin	

Seven Trustees

1st On motion it is resolved that the annual meeting of the Congregation shall be on the first Wednesday in November in each year—to transact the affairs of the Society.

2d On motion it is resolved, that in future elections of Trustees the following plan be adopted (viz.) that the four first Trustees in alphabetical order shall go out of office at the next annual election, subject however to a re-election if the Congregation shall see fit to appoint them & that the other three go out of office at the next annual election succeeding—but may be re-appointed the same as the first class, & that this order be observed so that the whole board be not changed in one year.—

3d On motion it is resolved that it be the Duty of the Trustees at every annual meeting to lay before the Society a full statement of all the accounts of the Society.—

Meeting adjourned sine die

At a Meeting of the Trustees immediately after their appointment, on the adjournment of the Congregation the 27th Oct. A. D. 1819—at the Church, present,

Peter Colt
Samuel Colt
Caleb M. Godwin
John Gould Esqr
Jacob J. Van Houten they

proceeded to the Choice of their Officers—when Peter Colt was chosen President & the meeting of the Board was adjourned to meet at the house of Peter Colt on Friday eveg 29th Oct 1819.—

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church (Society) in Paterson held at the house of Mr. Peter Colt 29th Oct 1819.

present

Peter Colt
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Jacob J. Van Houten

John Roberson &

Samuel Colt—the proceedings of the last meeting being read, it was resolved that Caleb M. Godwin be appointed Secretary of this Board, on Motion it was resolved that Samuel Colt be appointed Treasurer of the Society for the present year. On motion, resolved that the Treasurer agree with a trusty & responsible man to collect the Subscription for the salary for the support of the ministry, provided he can get it done for a sum not exceeding 5 prC—

Attest Peter Colt.

Presdt Board

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson, held at the office of Mr. Saml Colt Feby 12th 1821—

Present

Peter Colt            John Robertson

John Flood & Caleb M Godwin

Resolved that Peter Colt John Gould & Caleb M. Godwin be a committee to investigate all the accounts of said Church, and report as soon as practicable to the board of Trustees—

C. M. GODWIN Secy

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Church in Paterson, held at the office of Saml Colt March 26th 1821

Present

Peter Colt            John Robertson

Saml Colt            Jacob Van Houten

John Flood & Caleb M. Godwin

When on motion resolved that Samuel Colt John Flood & Caleb M. Godwin be a committee to make such arrangement with Francis R. Post as they may think best in the settlement of his demand against this Society—

C. M. GODWIN Secy

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson held at the office of Saml Colt April 19th 1821—

Present

Peter Colt            Saml Colt

John Gould            John Robertson

John Flood            Jacob I. Van Houten

& Caleb M. Godwin

When it was unanimously resolved that the pews of the Meeting house of said Society, be exposed to sale in May next—Resolved that John Gould Saml Colt & Caleb M. Godwin be a committee to make a permanent valua-

tion of the pews aforesaid by which the annuity for the support of the minister shall forever be regulated, and that the committee be instructed not to value the whole of the pews for a less sum than ten thousand dollars—

Resolved that the aforesaid committee procure a form of a deed by which the pews will be sold—

At a meeting of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Paterson held at the office of Saml Colt, Sept 25th 1821

—Present—

Peter Colt	Jacob I. Van Houten
John Flood	Samuel Colt &
John Robertson	Caleb M. Godwin

Resolved that Saml Colt John Robertson & Caleb M Godwin be a committee to draft and circulate a subscription for the purpose of raising the deficiency of Salary for the current year—

Resolved that Saml Colt & Co Settle the account of Capt E. Wade against said Society & that said society will settle with them in deeding, to them one of the lots yet unsold which the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactories agreed to Loan the parish—

The committee appointed to procure a form of a deed Submitted one, which was approved of by the meeting. When it was resolved that Saml Colt John Gould & Caleb M. Godwin be a committee to have two hundred and fifty of them printed—

At an annual Meeting of the congregation of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson held at their house of Worship Novr 7th 1821 agreeable to notice given from the Pulpit at two different times—Peter Colt was chosen chairman and Caleb M. Godwin Secy the minutes of the last meeting were read—

The Trustees exhibited a Statement of the accounts of the Society as far as they have been able to adjust them, from which it appeared that the debts of the Society exclusive of the Salry and interest amounts to four thousand, five hundred, and Seventy nine dollars & thirteen Cents—

Agreeably to a resolution of the Congregation in 1819, the four following persons were elected Trustees for the ensuing year or untill others are legally chosen—Viz

Samuel Colt	Aaron King
John Gould	John Flood.
	CALEB M. GODWIN

Secy.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society in Paterson held at the office of Samuel Colt & Co. Decr 5th 1821—



Present Jacob I. Van Houten

John Flood—

Samuel Colt—

Aaron King—

They proceeded to the choice of their officers. When John Gould Esqr was Chosen President, also resolved that Samuel Colt be appointed Treasurer, and resolved that Caleb M. Godwin be Secretary for the ensuing year

Resolved that the committees appointed by the former board at their last meeting for sundry purposes be re appointed—

At a meeting of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson held at the office Samuel Colt & Co Feby 6th 1822—

Present. Jacob I. Van Houten

Samuel Colt. John Robertson

John Flood

Resolved that the trustees will settle with Peter G Speer by letting him have one building lot on his paying the ballanc to the Trustees\*

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to Sell the remaining building lot at \$150 and as much more as he can get—

Resolved that a note be given to Isaac I Staggs for his account with Intrest up to the 22d Jany 1822 being thirty eight dollars & seventy three Cents—

CALEB M. GODWIN Secty

At an annual Meeting of the Congregation of the first Presbyterian Society in Paterson held at their house of worship Novr 7th 1822 agreeably to notice given from the Pulpit at two different times—Peter Colt was chosen Chairman and Caleb M. Godwin Secy—

When they proceeded to the choice of three Trustees in the place of John Flood who (resigns acting as trustee) John Gould & Caleb M. Godwin

Resolved that the following persons be appointed for the ensuing year  
Viz

Samuel Colt

Aaron King

John Robertson

Robert King

Jacob Van Houten

Doc James Warren

Caleb M Godwin

CALEB M. GODWIN Secty

Dec 6 1822

At a legal meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society in

\* There is no deed from the church to Peter G. Speer on record.

Paterson held at the school-room of Mr. Ira Mosher—Present

Caleb M. Godwin  
Aaron King  
Robert King  
Samuel Colt  
Jacob Van Houten  
James Warren

Caleb M. Godwin was called to the chair and James Warren secretary—they then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year—

On motion C. M. Godwin was unanimously chosen President and James Warren Secretary Samuel Colt then declined serving as Trustee and gave in his resignation—\*

On motion Voted that the resignation of Samuel Colt be accepted—

On motion Resolved that Mr. John Colt be elected Trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Samuel Colt—

Resolved unanimously that Mr. John Colt be Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year—

Resolved that James Warren be appointed a Committee to wait upon Roswell Colt Esqr to interseed with him for the use of a certain house to be appropriated to the Parsonage of the Rev. Samuel Fisher for the two years succeeding the first of May next and report the same at the next meeting—

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned

JAS WARREN Secty

Jany 11th 1823

Persuant to notice the Trustees of the first Presbyterian society in Paterson met at the house of Samuel Colt—

Present C. M. Godwin  
Aaron King  
Jacob Van Houten &  
James Warren

The proceedings of the last meeting were then read

The Committee appointed to wait upon Roswell Colt Esqr reported

Resolved on motion that the report be accepted—Mr John Colt then gave in through the medium of James Warren his resignation from serving as Trustee—

Resolved on motion the resignation be accepted—Mr John Roberson then

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\*A shocking tragedy occurring at this time caused a scandalous disclosure regarding Mr. Colt, which led to his resignation as a trustee and his ex-communication from membership in the church. He left Paterson and went to Rochester, N. Y., where he died amid wretched surroundings some years later.

gave in his resignation through the medium of Mr Aaron King from serving as Trustee†

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Resolved that the Board of Trustees collect the taxes due on pew rents for the ensuing year and pay over the same to the Treasurer of sd Board—

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned until to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock to meet at this place—

J. WARREN Secty

Jany 14 1823

Agreeable to adjournment the Board of Trustees met at the office of James Warren and proceeded to business

Present Caleb M Godwin

Wm Ferguson

Robert King

Jacob Van Houten

Aaron King

James Warren

The proceedings of the last meeting was then read—

The Com. appointed to devise means to raise the sum deficient in the Rev. Samuel Fisher's salary reported and on motion Resolved that the report be accepted and adopted—

Resolved on motion that J. Warren be the Com. to carry into effect the intent of that report.

Resolved that the Treasurer make a report annually of the collections from the Society and the necessary expenditures

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned until Tuesday evening next at 6 o'clock to meet at this place

JAS. WARREN Secty

Jan 21 1823

Agreeable to adjournment the Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Society met and proceeded to business

Present C. M. Godwin

Robert King

Aaron King

James Warren

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

† A leaf is here torn out, only ten words being decipherable. It would appear that the resignation of John Robertson was accepted, and that William Ferguson (who kept a bleaching-green at the corner of the present Market and Paterson streets) was elected in his place. Other business was transacted and the Board adjourned.

The Com. appointed to solicit aid from N. York reported

Resolved on motion that that report be accepted

Resolved that Robert King & Jas. Warren be a Com. to make a full statement of the debts of the Trustees due for the building of the Church and also the balance due on the salary of the Rev. Samuel Fisher and also Resolved that they recommend that a collection be taken up to liquidate the balance due the Rev. Samuel Fisher

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned until Friday the 31st of Jan. to meet at this place

JAS. WARREN Secty

Jan 31, 1823

Agreeable to adjournment the Trustees of th 1 Presbyterian Society met and proceeded to business

Present Wm Ferguson

Abr. Godwin Junr

Robert King

Aaron King

Jacob Van Houten

James Warren

The President being absent on motion Mr Wm Ferguson was chosen President pro tempor—

The minutes of the last meeting were then read—

The Com. appointed to investigate the affairs of the Trustees for building the Church reported—

Resolved on motion that the Report be accepted and placed on file—

Resolved that James Warren & Abr Godwin Jur. be a committee to prepare the report already mad & present it to the Congregation on the 2d Sabbath in Feburary nixt

Resolved that Abr. Godwin be a Com. to settle the accounts with David Willis\*

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned until Friday week at 6 o'clock

JAS. WARREN. Secty

Febr 7th 1823

Agreeable to adjournment the Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Society met and proceeded to business

Present Wm Ferguson

Jacob Van Houten

Aaron King

Abr. Godwin Junr

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\*A carpenter and builder on Main street nearly opposite Smith street.

Robert King  
James Warren

The proceedings of the last meeting were then read.

Resolved on motion that the Report made the last meeting relative to the debts of the Society for building the Church be detain'd from the Society for further consideration.—

Resolved that Mr Jacob Van Houten's Bill be accepted to be entered in the Treasurer's Alc at an hundred Dollars

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned until Friday week at 6 o'clock—

JAS. WARREN

Febr 14, 1823

Agreeable to adjournment the Trustees of the first Presby. Society met

Present C. M. Godwin

Jacob Van Houten

Wm. Ferguson

Aaron King

James Warren

On motion Resolve that this meeting be adjourned

JAMES WARREN, Secty

March 3d 1823

Persuant to notice the Trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Society met and proceeded to business

Present C. M. Godwin

Wm. Ferguson

Jac. Van Houten

James Warren

The apportionment to each as collector and on motion Resolved to adjourn until Saturday the 8th at 1-2 past 6 o'clock.

J. WARREN, Secty.

March 8, 1823

Agreeable to adjournment the Trustees of the 1st Presbyt Society met and paid in their several collections

Present C. M. Godwin      Wm. Ferguson

Aaron King      Robt King and

Jas Warren

On motion resolved that C. M. Godwin Esq be a committee to wait upon



Mr. Dickerson\* and confer with him respecting the note of John M. Ryerson.

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned

J. WARREN, Secty.

April 19th 1823

Persuant to notice the Trustees of the first Presby. Society met and proceeded to business.—

Present C. M. Godwin

Wm Ferguson

Jacob Van Houten

Abr Godwin Junr

Aaron King

Robert King

James Warren. On motion

Resolved that the pews of the church be rented to the highest bidder for one year from the first of May next, subject to being sold at the end of six months provided the Trustees deem it necessary—

Resolved that the Secy. cause a notice for the renting of the pews of the 1st Presby church to be incerted in the P. Chronicle, Voice of Passaic† and also request the above article to be published by Mr. Fisher on the two succeeding Sabbaths.

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned until Friday eve. next to meet at this place.

J. WARREN, Secy.

Nov 21 1823

Agreeable to notice the Trustess of the first P. Society met at the house of A. King and proceeded to business

Present C. M. Godwin

A King

R King

J Warren.

When Mr A. Godwin Junr sent in his resignation from serving as Trustee the ensuing year and on motion Voted that his resignation be accepted

Voted that Daniel F. Lockwood‡ be appointed Trustee to supply the vacancy

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\*Philemon Dickerson, then the leading lawyer of Paterson; Governor of New Jersey in 1836; elected to Congress from this State in 1838; Judge of the United States District Court for New Jersey from 1841 until his death in 1862. He lived in the dwelling, partly stone and partly frame, still standing (in 1889) on the North side of Broadway just East of Straight street.

†The *Paterson Chronicle* and the *Voice of Passaic* were the only two newspapers published in Paterson at the time; the latter had but a brief existence.

‡One of the earliest hat manufacturers in Paterson, having settled here prior to 1800. His son, James Lockwood, is now (1889) the senior Elder of the Church.

occasioned by the resignation of A. Godwin Junr  
Voted that this meeting be adjourned.

JAS. WARREN Secty

PATERSON Nov 3d 1824

Persuant to notice a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson was held at the Brick Church when John Colt was call'd to the chair and James Warren was chosen Secretary—the report of the Treasurer was then read and on motion it was—

Resolved—that the report be accepted they then proceeded to the choice of Trustees and it was unanimously—

Resolved—that Aaron King, Brown King, Nisbet Taylor, D. F. Lockwood, Elisha B. Clark, Wm F. Bown and Joseph Shurburn be chosen as Trustees of said Society for the ensuing year

Resolved—that this meeting be dissolved—

JAMES WARREN Secty.

PATERSON, Novr 5 1824

at a legal meeting of the trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Society, held at the office of Godwin & Warren for the purpose of organizing—

Present Daniel F. Lockwood

Joseph Sherburne

William F. Bowne

Elisha B. Clark.

On motion resolved that Mr. Brown King be appointed President.—Aaron King be Treasurer, and Elisha B. Clark be Secretary of said trustees for the ensuing year.

Resolved that the meeting adjourn

E. B. CLARK, Secty.

PATERSON, Nov. 12 1824

at a meeting of the trustees, held at the office of Messrs Godwin & Warren, Present

Brown King

Aaron King

Daniel F. Lockwood

Joseph Sherburne

Wm. F. Bowne

Elisha B. Clark

Resolved that the former trustees shall collect as much as it is in their power, the quarters pew rent ending Novr 1st, 1824—and return their several Collection Books to the president on or before the 1st February 1825—

Meeting Adjourned

E. B. CLARK, Secty.

February 15 1825—

At a meeting of the Trustees, held at the office of Messrs Godwin & Warren

Present—Brown King  
 Aaron King  
 D F Lockwood  
 Joseph Sherburne  
 Wm F Bowne  
 Nesbitt Taylor  
 E B Clark

Resolved that there be a Collection taken up by subscription for a sufficient sum to pay for the stove and pipe in the church

Adjourn'd—

E B CLARK Sec'y

At a meeting of The Trustees, held at the office of Messrs Godwin' & Warren, Apl 7 1825 Present B King, Aaron King, Joseph Sherburne & E B Clark

On motion Resolved that Brown King and E B Clark be a Committee to ascertain whether the Society for Useful Manufactures would consent to let the 1st Pres. Soc. have the use of the Parsonage house, gratuitously, for one or two years more——adjourn'd—

E. B. CLARK, Sec'y.

PATERSON, Apr 19 1825

at a Meeting of the trustees at the office of Dr Warren,

Present Brown King  
 Aaron King  
 Jos. Sherburne  
 Wm F Bowne  
 E B Clark

On motion resolved that the trustees will put up for public sale the pews in the 1st Presbyterian Church (agreeable to the purport and meaning of the original subscription) to be sold to the highest bidder

Resolved, that sale of the pews will take place at the church on Wednesday the 4th May at 2 O. Clk P. M. and that the pews remaining unsold will be rented on Saturday the 14th May at 2 O. Clk P. M.—

Resolved that the sale of the pews be published in the Paterson Chronicle and the advertisement read from the pulpit two Sabbaths previous the sale

Resolved that the rent of the pews that are sold is to be hereafter 7 per cent and the rent of pews not sold nine per cent on the original valuation of the seat or pew.

Resolved that 10 per ct of the purchase money must be paid in Cash, and the remainder in six, yearly payments with Interest—deducting what money may have been paid by the purchaser on the original subscription and the subscription for finishing the seats in the gallery—

Resolved that Brown King, Aaron King and Nesbitt Taylor be a committee to attend to the sale and renting of the pews agreeable to the above resolutions—

Resolved that E B Clark agree with Abm Van Blarcom respecting the fence between the Burying ground belonging to 1st Pres Soc and the lands of the said Van Blarcom\* and he is authorized to collect a sufficient sum of money for lots sold in said Burying ground to pay for said fence

Adjourned

ELISHA B. CLARK, Sec

At a meeting of the trustees at the office of Dr Warren on 27th April 1825. present

Brown King  
Aaron King  
Nesbitt Taylor  
Wm F Bowne  
Elisha B Clark

On motion resolved that the trustees will accept of Mr. John McGee as sexton providing he accepts of the situation on such terms as we offer and that Mr. S. Fisher be requested to arrange the business with him

adjourned—

ELISHA B. CLARK Sec

PATERSON May 4 1825

at a meeting of the trustees agreeable to previous notice being given, for the purpose of selling the pews in the 1st 'Presbyterian Church by public auction—present—

Brown King  
Aaron King  
Joseph Sherburne  
Wm F Bowne  
Nesbitt Taylor &  
Elisha B Clark

Mr. Fisher rose and read the conditions of sale, which was prepared by the Committee, and sanctioned by the trustees at their last meeting, which conditions are the following—viz—

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\*On the South side of Market street, just East of Vine street; the Western line of the burying ground was Van Blarcom's Eastern line.

1st all pews set up for sale are to be struck off to the highest Bidder.

2d—Ten per Cent of the whole amount for which each pew may sell, will be demanded in Cash, the residue after deducting the rightful claims of the purchaser should he have any, will be received in six equal annual instalments, payable in one, two, three, four, five and six years, for which notes will be taken bearing lawful interest from the day of sale

3d—Purchasers will be allowed the amount of their original subscriptions toward building the church if paid in, or for any part thereof actually paid in, and also for the full amount of a subscription made to defray the expence of finishing the galleries, if paid in, or for any part thereof actually paid in, said sums to be deducted from the amount of pew or pews purchased, after deducting the first installment of 10 per cent

4th A certificate will be given by the trustees, to each purchaser, securing to him or her, their heirs executors, administrators or assigns the pew or pews purchased by them untill the payment of the last instalment, at which time a good and sufficient deed shall be given to the owner of such pew or pews at the time such payment is made, it being understood that pews so holden by Certificate are transferable, by and with the Consent of the Trustees for the time being, and certificates are to be received by them, at all times, when a pew has been regularly transferr'd, for the amount which may have been paid on it, deducting arrearages for annuity and interest should any remain unpaid at the time of such transfer—

5th Purchasers failing to comply with the conditions of the second article, shall be considered responsible for any deficiency in price that may occur in a second sale, but should the pew or pews so situated bring more at a second sale than at the first sale, the first purchaser shall not be entitled to the benefit thereof

6th The annual rent on pews that may be purchased at this sale has been fix'd by the present trustees at 7 per cent on the permanent valuation of each pew, to be paid in equal quarterly payments, on the first day of August November, February and May in each and every year and it is not to be increased except by the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the pew owners, Counting one vote for each pew, to be determined at a meeting regularly convened for that purpose

7th It is to be understood as an article in these Conditions as well as in the Certificate and deed to be granted to purchasers, that should any purchaser or future owner of a pew or pews, purchased at this sale, neglect or refuse at any time for the space of one year to pay the said quarterly rents, then the Trustees for the time being shall have a right to re-enter said pew or pews so circumstanced and rent the same, untill their claims are paid and satisfied, and it is further to be understood that should any purchaser or



future owner of a pew purchased at this sale, neglect or refuse as aforesaid, for the space of ten successive years to pay the said annual rent in quarterly payments as aforesaid, the Trustees for the time being, may after such default declare the same forfeited to the church, and re-enter occupy and possess the same as if no such sale had taken place  
dated Paterson May 4 1825—

By order of the Trustees

E B CLARK Sec.

On motion resolved that Nicholas Smith Esq auctioneer at this sale Resolved that the chart (prepared by the Committee,) of the Floor pews of the church be exhibited to the purchasers for inspection, and that a copy or fac simile of it be entered in the Book of Minutes\*

adjourn'd

E B CLARK Secry

at a meeting of the trustees held at the office of Messrs Warren & Catlin  
Sept 16 1825—present

Brown King

Aaron King

Nesbitt Taylor

Wm F Bowne

Joseph Sherburne &

Elisha B Clark

The President rose and reported that agreeable to request of the trustees he had settled with Aaron A Van Houten and gave him a note for dated

for the balance due him from the Society bearing interest at 6 pr Cent—which said report was unanimously agreed to by the trustees—Mr Fisher rose and reported that he had settled with the Society for Useful Manufactures and that there is due said S. U. M. after deducting the Donation of 4000\$ by R L Colt Esq the sum of \$2726—on April 13th 1825—

Mr. Fisher also reported that he had settled with the Executor of the Estate of the late Peter Colt Esq. decd. and that the Presbyterian Society owed said estate the sum of \$252.36 on 30th April 1825.

Resolved that the President be authorized to give a note dated April 13th 1825 bearing Interest at 6 pr. Cent to the Society for Useful Manufactures for the balance due them and that he also give a note dated April 30 1825 bearing interest at 6 pr Cent to the Executors of the estate of the late Peter Colt Esq Dec'd. for the balance due said estate—†

adjourned

ELISHA B. CLARK, Secry

\*The chart is not in the book of minutes.

†This seems to have been the usual way of "settling" the debts of the church in its early years—by giving a note.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church, in Paterson,  
at the office of Warren & Catlin, on Tuesday evening, Nov 29—1825

Present Brown King Pres.

Aaron King

Dan. F Lockwood

Nesbitt Taylor

Res'd That Nesbitt Taylor be Sec'y on this occasion Nesbitt Taylor reported the resignation of Joseph Sherburn, Wm F Bown & Elisha Clark of the office of Trustee

Res'd that the report of resignations be accepted---

Res'd that Henry Whitely, John Vail and Jacob Catlin be appointed to fill the vacancies of the above resignations

Res'd that Jacob Catlin be Sec'y to this Board---

Aaron King resigned the office of Treas'r

Res'd that the resignation of Aaron King be accepted—

Res'd that Nesbitt Taylor be Treas'r for the remainder of the year

Res'd that the names of persons on the rool of pew-holders, be equally divided amongst the six Trustees—

Mr Fisher laid before the Board a letter from Theo Freilinghyson, respecting the three acres of land, which he is authorized, by an act of the Legislature,\* to sell to the Trustees, for the purpose of a burying-ground, in which he proposed to deed the same, for fifty Dollars per acre—

Res'd that his proposition be acceded to, by the Board, and the Rev. Samuel Fisher is authorized to confer with him on the subject

Adjourned

NESBITT TAYLOR

Sec. pro tem

The Board met, Paterson—De 6. 1825 at the office of Warren & Catlin—

Present—B. King Pres—

Nesbitt Taylor Tres.

D. F. Lockwood

Jacob Catlin took the oath of office as trustee—

Mr B. King reported the refusal John Vail, and Henry Whitely, to accept the office of trustee—

\*"An Act for the sale of part of the land at Paterson belonging to the State.

"1. Be it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That the Attorney General of this state, be, and is hereby authorized to sell and convey in behalf of this state not exceeding three acres of the land belonging to the state at Paterson to the trustees of the first Presbyterian society of Paterson for the uses and purposes of a burying ground; and that the Attorney General fix the price of said land."

"C. Passed December 28, 1824."

Pamphlet Laws, 49th Session, p. 112.

Theodore Frelinghuysen was the Attorney General of New Jersey at this time.

This report was accepted by the Board Mr Taylor proposed Mr Joseph Smith and Mr James Close, for appointment as members of the Board of Trustees

Res'd that J Close & J Smith be appointed to the office of Trustee, to fill the vacancies, occasioned by former resignations

Adjourned till Friday the 9th of De 1825. at Eight in the evening to meet at the office of Warren & Catlin

J CATLIN Sec.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Paterson, at the office of Warren & Catlin, at 12 o'clock at noon, Mch 30, 1826, present J. Smith A. King, D. F. Lockwood, & N. Taylor, when J. Smith was called to the chair, and N. Taylor appointed Secy—

Resolved— that, in consequence of a deed being received from the State of New Jersey for three acres of land, for which the Trustees on part of the above congregation is responsible for one hundred and fifty Dollars that a note be given, bearing equal date, with the deed, for the above sum, one year after date, with interest

Resolved—That the President of the Board of Trustees, be and is hereby authorized to sign a note to be given for the one hundred & fifty Dollars, with interest to the State of New Jersey.\*

Resolved that the Rev Samuel Fisher is authorized to have the above mentioned deed acknowledged by Theo Freilinghyson and recorded on the records of Essex County†

PATERSON, April 17---1826

The Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, met at the office of Warren & Catlin, when it was resolved, that the Pews, in the First Presbyterian Church in Paterson, which then remained unsold, should be offered, for sale, on the 4 of May following—Also, that those Pews, which should remain unsold, after the 4 of May, should be offered for rent on the 6 of May following---  
Also, that Otis Wilmarth be allowed, at the rate of 5 Dollars, a year, for the use of furniture in the Broadway school room‡

PATERSON, May 19. 1826

A meeting of the board of Trustees of Brick Church was held at the store of Warren & Catlin—

\*This note was never paid.

†It is recorded in Book U 2 of Deeds for Essex County, pp. 372-4.

‡Otis Wilmarth kept school in an old building near the southeast corner of Broadway and Washington street.

Present Brown King President Joseph Smith, Aaron King & Nesbit Taylor—Joseph Smith was appointed Secretary---

The following resolutions were passed

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay over to the estate of the late Peter Colt, & to the Agent of the Society U. S. M. the balance of Interest due them, up to 1st of May 1826 and also to Abm R. Van Houten so much of the principal and interest, due on the note of the Trustees, held by him, as shall reduce the debt to 100 Dollars, for which a new note shall be given bearing interest—

That a deed shall be made out forthwith to Mr Fisher for the Pew, granted to him, for services rendered at the building of the church, considered an equivalent in value.

Adjourned

#### PATERSON, Jun 10—1826

The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Paterson met at the office of Warren & Catlin, present B. King Prest A King. N. Taylor & J Catlin—when it was resolved that a Note be given, by the Trustees, to Abm R. Van Houten, of \$100 bearing date 9, June 1826, payable one year after date, with interest

#### PATERSON Augt 29---1826

The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Paterson met at the office of Warren & Catlin---

Resolved—that a Committee be appointed to wait on delinquents, and ascertain whether they will make a settlement or suffer their pews to be re-entered—

Resolved—that Mr Joseph Smith and Mr Aaron King be the Committee for the above mentioned purpose

Resolved—that Mr Nesbit Taylor be authorized to settle with B. W. Vandervoort for services rendered in collecting—

Resolved, that the President be authorized to give Mr Fisher a Note, for the interest due on Jacob Van Houten's note now transferred to Mr Fisher

Resolved—that Mr Fisher be allowed 10 Dollars, a year for the use of his school room, for the general purposes of the congregation\*—

#### PATERSON Nov 1—1826

The First Presbyterian Society of Paterson met at the Brick Church—Mr Joseph Smith was called to the chair—Mr J Catlin was appointed

\*This was situate at No. 40 Ward street.

Secretary—Mr Nesbit Taylor exhibited the accounts of the last year, as follows

DR		CR	
To John M. Ryerson	\$ 180.00	By Notes due for Pews, sold sundry	
" S. of U. Manf.	2726.00	Persons	\$1980.77
" Peter Colt's Estate	252.36		
" Jac. J. Van Houten	310.37	Due and Note of R. King	126.74
" Abm. R. Van Houten	100.00	" " of J. Mosier	93.43
" Aaron A. Van Houten	150.00	" " of W. Dickey	96.20
" Peter Paulison	5.00	" " of W. Furguson	129.71
" N. Taylor Treas.	41.42		446.10
" Sam. Fisher	225.18		
" State of New Jersey	150.00	Due from S. Fisher	35.42
" Paterson Bank	90.00		2016.19
	4230.33		
		Bal. on pews unsold and unpaid for	2214.14
Bal	\$2214.14		4230.33

Accepted—

The Society proceeded the choice of Two Trustees in the place of Brown King & Daniel F Lockwood—when David Burnett & Benj. W. Vandervort were chosen—also Aaron King and Nesbit Taylor were reelected The meeting of the trustees was appointed, on Tuesday, 7 of Nov. at the office of Warren & Catlin 8 o'clock in the evening—

Adjourned—

PATERSON Nov 7—1826

The Trustees of the F. P. C. in P. met at the house of Mr Nesbit Taylor—Appeared B. W. Vandervort & David Burnett, Trustees elect, and took the oath of office Mr Joseph Smith was appointed Pres. pro. tem— The Trustees proceeded to the election of officers, as follows—Aaron King Pres. J. Catlin Sec. Nesbit Taylor Treas.

*Resolved*, that Christopher Brower be appointed Sexton—

*Resolved*—that the Treas. be authorized to pay 30 Dollars, on a note of 90 Dollars, in the Paterson Bank, and to renew, for the remainder, at 60 days—

*Resolved*, that the Pres. be directed to draw a note in favour of Sam Fisher, for the amount of Jacob J Van Houtens note, which has been transferred to Sam. Fisher

Adjourned till Fryday 7 o'clock P. M. at the house of Nesbit Taylor

PATERSON Februry 15 1827

The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Paterson met at the house of Nesbit Taylor.

Resolved that Joseph Smith preside in the absence of Aaron King—Mr Aaron King appearing, Mr. Joseph Smith resigned to him the chair—

Mr J. Smith and Mr A. King, who were Augt 29—1826 appointed a com-

mittee, to wait on delinquents and ascertain, whether, they would fulfill the conditions of their purchase, or suffer their pews to be reentered, reported they had called on Mr Robert King and Mr Ira Mosher Mr Robert King said he intended to retain his pew— Mr Ira Mosher said he wished to retain his pew, but was not then ready to fulfill the conditions of his purchase

Resolved, that as the above report does not meet the instructions, which were given the committee, it be not accepted—

Resolved, that B. W. Vandervort, and D. Burnett, be appointed a Committee to wait on delinquents and ascertain whether they will fulfill the conditions of the purchase, or suffer their pews to be reentered—

Resolved, that the Trustees collect John Gould's debt, and, that B. W. Vandervort be authorized to proceed according to law, in collecting the same, after once calling on him

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to procure a suitable hearse for the use of the Presbyterian Church—

Resolved that Mr Aaron King and Mr Nesbit Taylor be appointed this committee—

Adjourned

PATERSON, Mch. 3, 1827

The trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, at Paterson, met at the house of Mr. Nesbit Taylor

The Committee appointed to call on delinquents report that Mr Robert King did not wish to pay any more on his pew till assured, that the property was unincumbered, or in a fair way to be so—that Mr Dickey said he wished to retain his pew, and would make a payment next month that Mr Mosher said he was not prepared to make any payment, at present—

Resolved—the preceding report be accepted—

Resolved—that those pews, the purchasers of which shall not have complied with the conditions of their purchase, by the first of May next, shall be then be reentered & offered for sale

Resolved—that the above resolution be published in the Paterson Intelligencer, when public notice is made of the sale, and renting of pews—

Resolved, that measures be taken to raise money by subscription to make up the present deficiency in the payment of Mr Fisher's salary—

Resolved—that J. Catlin be appointed to make to the congregation, a statement of facts, in regard to the present necessities of Mr Fisher, and to solicit assistance—

Adjourned—



PATERSON July 25 1827

The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church met at the office of B. W. Vandervort—

Samuel Post's bill, for repairs on the Church, was presented, amounting to Twenty Nine 78-100 Dollars, which was accepted by the Board---and the Treasurer was directed to pay the same—

Resolved, that the Treasurer, be authorized to pay the interest, on the Note, held, by the State of New Jersey, against the Trustees—

Resolved, that the interest on the note, held by Abm R. Van Houten against the Trustees, be paid by the Treasurer—

Resolved, that it be the duty of the Sexton, to direct, where those persons, who are unable to pay the Sexton's bill, shall bury their dead—

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to sell the wood, on the burying ground—to build a suitable fence, around the same, and to collect monies due, on lots sold—

Resolved, that Joseph Smith, Nesbit Taylor and Aaron King be appointed the above mentioned committee—

Resolved that the Secretary give notice to Robert King, Ira Mosher and Wm Dickey, that their rent, from the First day of May 1827, will be nine per cent. on the amount of their several purchases, untill they comply with the conditions of sale—

Adjourned to meet at this place, on Tuesday, the The 31st of July—1827—

Nov 4, 1827. The First Presbyterian Society, met at the Brick Church and an adjournment was made to meet the Wednesday following

Nov. 14. 1827 The First Presbyterian Society, in Paterson met according to adjournment Mr Aaron King. was appointed chairman, and Mr J. Catlin Sec. The Treasurer's Account was presented, as follows\*

Paterson, November 14, 1827. The 1. P. Society of the B. Church met according to Order Mr Aaron King was called to the Chair. J. Catlin Clerk. The Treasurers account was presented as follows\*

Resolved that the account be accepted The Society then proceeded to the Election of Trustees. Whereupon J. Catlin. James Close and Joseph Smith were unanimously re-elected for Two years. and James Nazro was Elected a trustee in the Place of Nesbitt Taylor resigned. A meeting of the trustees was appointed to meet at the office of Benjamin W. Vandervort on Friday 8 oC. P. M. The Society adjourned.

\*The report is not entered in the minutes.

PATERSON Nov. 16, 1827—

The trustees of the First Presbyterian Church met, at the office of B. W. Vandervort—

Present A. King—Pres—J. Catlin, Sec. J. Smith, J Nazro

Resolved that Mr. James Nazro be appointed Treasurer, of the board—

Resolved, that Mr B. W. Vandervort be appointed Secretary, of the Board  
James Nazro was this evening duly qualified by Peter Sythoff Esq Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Essex as one of the trustees of the first Presbyterian Church of Paterson. Mr Nazro and Mr Joseph Smith were appointed a Committee to wait upon Mr Nesbitt Taylor the former Treasurer and settle the account of the Society.

Resolved that Mr. A King be appointed a committee to examine into the state of the Incidental expences of the Church— with the Rev'd Dr. Fisher

Resol'd that Mr King & Mr Vandervort be a committee to settle the accounts with the Masonic Society with Edo Van Winkle and John Gould Esq and render account

Resolved that any person who is in arrears for pew rent for one year that at the expiration of that term that such person who is delinquent be required to give a promissory note—

Resol'd that this meeting adjourn until Friday evening the 23 inst—

Adj'd

December 7. 1827.

The Trustees of the first Presbyterian church met at the office of B W Vandervort.

Present, James Nazro

Joseph Smith

Jacob Catlin

David Burnet

B W Vandervoort.

Mr. J. Nazro was appointed president pro tempore.

Resolved that a promissory note be given by the president for the balance now due the former President N Taylor made payable on the 4th day of May next with interest from date. Mr. A. King was not present this evening to state to the Trustees on the subject of the incidental expences of the church

Resolved that Mr Vandervort and Mr King attend to the matters submitted to them the former evening and report to the board at the next meeting.

Resol—that Jacob Catlin be appointed on the committee in the place of Nesbitt Taylor resigned to sell the wood on the burying ground lot—and making a fence around the burying grounds.

Resolved that the amount of deficiency due the Rev'd Dr. Fisher for his salary be raised by a subscription each subscriber paying the sum of \$30—without interest to be repaid to said subscriber five years hence

Resolved that Mr Catlin & Mr J. Smith, a committee to take subscription on the above paper—and that Mr Nazro to required to take the additional assessment on the pews. The board ad'd to Friday the 14, at 8 oC. P M April 2. 1828.

The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church met at the office of Benjamin W. Vandervoort

Present Aaron King

Joseph Smith

Jacob Catlin

Benjamin W. Vandervort

Resolved that a communication be made to the Society of the 1. Presbyterian Church on the Second Sunday in April inst on business connected with Parish—And that Joseph Smith make the communication to the congregation on said day. The meeting adjourned—*Sine Die*

November—4th 1828—

Agreeably to order of the society a meeting was held at the Brick [Church] in Paterson---without transacting any business. it was resolved that the meeting adjourn until the Eleventh day of December next

At an adjourned meeting of the Parish held at the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson---on the Eleventh day of December---1828---Mr. John Colt was Elected chairman. And Benjamin W Vandervoort. Clerk Mr Nazro the Treasurer presented the following for the Past year. The report being read was accepted

The Debt and Funds of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson November 1. 1828—

To John M. Ryerson Note	\$180	By pew notes not Due	\$12.91
Society for U M	2726	Pew notes Due and not paid	\$266.97
P Colts Estate	252	Balance in P. B.*	52.67
Abm R Van Houten	100	Pews unsold and unpaid for	2404.69
Aa R Van Houten	150		3748.36
Joseph Smiths	30		
A. King	30		
J. Catlin	30		
J. Colt	60		
A. Godwin Jr	30		
C. M Godwin	30		
James Close	30		
W. Ellison	30		
B W Vandervoort	15		
D. Burnett	15		
Alex Carrack	20		
Jno Vail	20		
Rev'd S. Fisher note	270		
	4018.36		

\*Paterson Bank.

The society having accepted the above accounts. They also accepted the note of \$270. Due the Rev Mr Fisher. Mr. James King Mr Caleb M. Godwin John Thompson and James Nazro were Elected trustees for two years.

A meeting of the trustees was also agreed to be held at the office of Mr. James King on Friday Evening next at Seven oC P. M. The parish meeting adjourned.

B W VANDERVOORT Clk

Paterson Dec 12. 1828

The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson met by appointment of the Society at the office of James King Esq---  
Present

James King  
James Nazro  
Caleb M Godwin  
Joseph Smith  
John Thompson  
Jacob Catlin.

When James King Esq was appointed President, Jacob Catlin was appointed Secretary and James Nazro was appointed Treasurer

Resolved James King, and Jacob Catlin be appointed a Committee to settle with the Masonic Society in regard to rent, due by them to the Trustees, of the Presbyterian Society and also to settle with Uriah Garabrant, Constable, respecting rent due to the Trustees, by Mr Van Geason, whose goods were sold under execution, for the payment of the same.

Resolved that Mr Joseph Smith and Caleb M Godwin be appointed a Committee to settle with John Gould.

Resolved that Jacob Catlin and Joseph Smith, who were appointed a committee to fence the Burying Ground and to sell the wood on the same be requested to report to the next meeting of the Trustees.

Resolved that James Nazro and J. Catlin be appointed a Committee to settle with the estate of John M. Ryerson

Resolved that Mr. Nazro be authorized to purchase such Books as are necessary to arrange the accounts of the Trustees

Resolved to adjourn.

Paterson April 23 1829

The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church met at the office of James King Esq.

Present,

James King Esq

John Thompson

Jacob Catlin

The Committees appointed at the last meeting, not being present, no reports were made

Resolved that public notice be given, for selling and renting the pews, on the 9 day of May next at 4 O'clock P. M.

Adjourned

Paterson Sep 30, 1829

The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson met at the office of James King---

Present---James King Pres.

Jacob Catlin Secy.

James Nazro Treas.

Joseph Smith

John Thompson

Caleb M. Godwin

When a statement of the funds arising from pew rent. being laid before the board, by J. Catlin, collector, it appeared he was in advance \$180--- In consequence of the above fact it was resolved that the amount of funds then in the hands of J. Catlin arising from the sale of lots in the burying ground be appropriated towards the payment of the above deficiency, so far as it extended, and that J. Nazro Treas. be directed to pay the bal. from the church funds, in his possession---

Adjourned

Nov. 25th, 1829

Circumstances having prevented the annual Parish meeting from being held, at the stated time as agreed upon by the congregation, legal notice having been given it was held this day, at the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson. Rev Dr. Fisher was appointed Chairman & Mr Charles Hequembourg Clerk. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read.

The Treasurer presented the following statement of the funds of the Parish, which being read, was accepted (viz) (See report)\*

The following persons were then appointed Trustees for two years (viz Joseph Smith, Jacob Catlin & Henry Fielding---

Resolved that the Trustees meet for the transaction of business at the office

\*The report is not given in the minutes..

of Jas King Esqr. on Friday evening Decr 4th, 1829---

Adjourned---\*

Paterson Aprl. 17, 1830

The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church met at the stoore of J. Catlin, Present James King H. Fielding. John Thompson J. Smith, J Nazro & C. M. Godwin

Resolved---that the pews be offered for rent on Saturday, the first day of May Next, at 3 Oclock P. M.

Paterson Aprl 20 1830

The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church met at the office of James King---present J. King J. Catlin, J. Thompson, J. Smith J. Nazro H. Fielding

Resolved that J. Nazro Treas. be directed to order of J. King, Pres. the tax of fire company on the church--

Resolved. that C. Brower be appointed sexton for the year following May 1. 1830

Resolved, that J. Catlin & J. King, be a committee to complete the fence about the Burying ground, as sufficient funds can be raised from the sale of lots in said Burying ground---

The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church met at at the office of Jacob Catlin, Nov. 10 1830

Present J. Catlin, J. Thompson C. M. Godwin, J. Smith & James Nazro---

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the expense of painting the church, and to make arrangements about stoves &c and to report to next meeting

Resolved that J. Catlin, J. Thompson & J. Smith be the said committee

At an Annual Meeting of the first Presbyterian Society Paterson 13th Noy 1830---duly noticed

Mr. Ab† Van Zaun Moderator

C Hequembourg Jr Secretary

The Treasurer's annual Report was read and accepted

The following gentlemen were then elected Trustees for the ensuing year viz

Mess Wm L Clarck

John Thompson

C Hequembourg Jr

J Nazro

C M Godwin

\*The minutes of this meeting are in the handwriting of the Rev. S. Fisher.

†Albert is no doubt meant.



Voted that the Trustees hold their first meeting at the store of Mr Catlin on Monday evening the 15th inst at 8 o'clock---no further business appearing  
Voted to adjourn

Attest C Hequembourg Jr Sec

Paterson Nov 15, 1830

The Trustees of the first presbyterian Church, met at the office of J Catlin Present, J. Smith, C. M. Godwin J. Thompson, W. L. Clark, J. Catlin, C. Hequembourg Jr & J. Nazro

Resolved that a committee be appointed to ascertain the expence of painting the church, putting a partition in the church and fitting up a stove or stoves---

Resolved that J. Catlin, J. Thompson and J. Smith be the said committee.

The trustees of the first Presbyterian Church met at the office of J. Catlin. Nov. 15. 1830

Present J. Smith, J. Nazro J Catlin, C. M. Godwin, C Hequembergh Jr J. Thompson & W. L. Clark--

The Trustees proceeded to the election of officers---when Joseph Smith was appointed President, J. Catlin Secretary and James Nazro Treasurer

Resolved that J Catlin, J. Smith & J. Thompson be a committee to make arrangements to warm the church, and to make such other arrangements as they shall judge expedient for the comfort of the congregation---

Resolved that C. Brower be appointed sexton for the year to come---

Adjourned

Paterson Augt 29, 1831

The trustees of the first presbyterian Church met at the store of J Catlin Present, Joseph Smith, James Nazro, John Thompson, Wm L Clark, Charles Hequembourg & Jacob Catlin

The committee appoint to settle with J. Catlin, as collector of pew rents, was called on to report, and not being prepared were reappointed and directed to make a report, at the next meeting

Resolved, that J Catlin, be allowed to exchange his pew for some one not purchased and also that he be allowed a lot in the burying ground in payment of a note he holds against the trustees of Thirty Dollars

Paterson Nov. 26, 1831

The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church met at the store of J. Catlin present C. M. Godwin J. Nazro, J. Catlin & Charles Hequembourg Jr

Resolved the First Presbyterian Society be notified, in the usual manner, to meet at the brick church on Saturday the 10th of December 1831 for the purpose of electing trustees

Paterson Dec 10th 1831

The Presbyterian Society met agreeable to public notice at the Brick Church  
C. M. Godwin was appointed Chairman & W L Clark Secretary The  
Treasurer's account was read and accepted

Joseph Smith & Albert Van Saun were elected Trustees

Resolved that the Trustees meet at the store of Mr J Catlin on Wednesday  
the 14th inst at 7 oclock in the evening

a true copy from the minutes

C. Hequembourg Jr

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church Dec 14th  
1831 agreeable to a vote of the annual Society meeting on the 10th inst  
present C. M. Godwin

J. Nazro

C Hequembourg Jr

no quorum appearing adjourned to meet again on Monday evening the 19th  
attest C Hequembourg Jr

At a meeting of the Trustees agreeable to adjournment Dec 19th

no quorum appearing---adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening the  
21st

Present Albert Van Saun not sworn into office

C Hequembourg Jr

John Thompson

W. L Clark

Attest C Hequembourg Jr

At a meeting of the Trustees agreeable to adjournment at the store of J  
Catlin Paterson Dec 21 1831

Present Albert Van Zaun

Wm L Clarck

John Thompson

C Hequembourg Jr

Mr Albert Van Zaun haveing been duly qualified took his seat at the  
board---

Mr Van Zaun was appointed President of the meeting & C Hequembourg  
Jr Secretary

On motion voted that the following gentlemen be appointed to the offices  
affixed to their respective names viz

Joseph Smith President

J Nazro Treasurer

C Hequembourg Jr Secretary

Christopher Brower Sexton

Voted that the Revd Doct Fisher be a Committee to settle accounts with our late Secretary Mr Catlin, & report at the next meeting of the Trustees  
 Voted that the salary of the Sexton be raised to forty dollars for the present year----

Voted that J. Catlin be appointed agent for the Burying ground---

Voted that the duty of the sexton shall be as follows, viz

To ring the Bell for all meetings in the church—To sweep the church once a month, and dust it on the following day make fires as directed by the Trustees—Triming & cleaning & lighting Lamps, to attend all meetings at the Session Room light the room make fires, & to perform all other duties devolving on the office of Sexton—

Voted that the secretary hand a copy of the above to Mr Brower—

No further business appearing voted to adjourn

Attest C Hequembourg Jr Secy

After adjournment the meeting was called to order again.

Voted that John Thompson & Wm L Clarck be a committee to procure doors at the foot of the gallery stairs—

Voted that the Secretary procure curtains in the gallery for the accomodation of the singers—

Attest C Hequembourg Jr Secy

Paterson 21 Dec 1831.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first presbyterian Church held at the House of C Hequembourg Jun Paterson 15th Feb 1832

Present Joseph Smith

Albert Van Zaun

Wm L Clarck

John Thompson

C Hequembourg Jun

absent C M Godwin J Nazro

Revd Doct Fisher made report that he had examined Mr Catlins account up to this date and find that the Trustees are indebted to him the sum of \$251.19, which is in full of all demands against said Trustees.

*Resolved* that the report be accepted

The President of the board then gave Mr. Catlin his note in demand for the balance due him, taking his receipt for the same—

*Resolved* that from this date the Sexton be directed to charge for the use of the Herse for all purposes in Town the sum of 25 cents—and for all purposes out of Town the sum of one dollar—

*Resolved* that Mr Catlin be authorized to put the building, politely offord to the Trustees by Mr. J. Smith as a Store House for the Herse, in good repair &c—

*Resolved*, that Messrs John Thompson Wm L Clarck, & C. M. Godwin be a committee to ascertain the probable expence of building a Session House forty feet by fifty—

Attest C Hequembourg Jun Secy

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian church held at Mr Catlins Store Paterson April 12th 1832

Present

J. Smith  
J. Nazro  
Albert Van Zaun  
John Thompson  
Wm L Clarck  
C Hequembourg Jr

absent C. M. Godwin—

*Resolved* that Mr. Crosset be permitted to exchange his pew No. 48. for Pew No 10—price of said pew \$78.58—pew No 12 belonging to the estate of Mr Slater, was given up to the Trustees through Mr Wm L Clarck to rent, rent to be fixed on the valuation of \$100 at 13 pr cent—

*Resolved* that the Trustees pay Mr James Moore \$5.25. amount of his bill.—

*Resolved* that the Secretary request Doct Fisher to give the usual notice that the pews will be rented on Saturday the 5th May next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

C. Hequembourg Jun Secy.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian church held at the Store of Mr. J. Catlin April 23d 1832—

Present

J. Smith  
J. Nazro  
C M Godwin  
John Thompson  
Albert Van Zaun  
Wm L Clarck  
C Hequembourg Jun

*Resolved*, that all purchasers of pews be notified by the Treasurer (with the exception of Mrs Weller) that if their balances on notes together with inter-

est be paid by the first of May next, that all deficiencies in rent will be relinquished by the board of Trustees & that they will receive a deed for the same—*Resolved* that Mr Albert Van Zaun be appointed to collect the pew rents, to receive for his compensation the sum of five pr Cent on all money collected—adjourned to meet again at this place on the evening of the first day of May next at 1-2 past seven.

C. Hequembourg Jr Secy

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church held at the store of Mr. J Catlin agreeable to Adjournment May 1st 1832

Present

J Smith

J. Nazro

Albert Van Zaun

Wm L Clarck

C. Hequembourg Jr

absent John Thompson & C. M. Godwin  
no business of importance appearing adjourned

C. Hequembourg Jun Secy

At the annual meeting of the First presbyterian Society—agreeable to public notice held at the Brick church—Paterson 8th Nov. 1832

Mr Richard Van Gieson was chosen moderator—and C. Hequembourg Jr Secretary

The Treasurers Annual Report was read & accepted—

Mr. Wm L Clarck

“ John Thompson

“ C Hequembourg Jr were reelected Trustees—&  
J. Catlin was chosen in the place of C. M. Godwin whose term of service had expired—

*Voted* that the Trustees hold their first meeting at Mr. Hequembourg's on Wednesday evening the 14th inst at 8. oclock in the evening—

The Trustees as they now stand are as follows

Joseph Smith

J. Nazro

Albert Van Zaun

John Thompson

Wm L Clarck

C Hequembourg Jun

J. Catlin—

No further business appearing the Society adjourned

Attest C. Hequembourg Jr

Secretary.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first presbyterian Church held at the House of Mr Hequembourg on Wednesday the 14th Nov 1832 agreeable to appointment of the annual meeting of the society held at the church Nov 8th

Present

Mr J Smith  
Wm L Clarck  
Albert Van Zaun  
J. Catlin  
C Hequembourg Jun

Mr. Joseph Smith was chosen president J. Nazro Treasurer—C Hequembourg Jr Secretary—Albert Van Zaun continued collector of pew rents—J. Catlin Treasurer for the burying ground—Mr C Brower Sexton on conditions that he fulfills all duties promptly agreeable to the wish of the Trustees.

resolved that the president be requested to converse with Mr Brower on the subject.—

*Resolved* that Mr William L. Clarck and Hequembourg be a committee to examine the accounts of Doct Fisher relative to the penny collection and report at the next meeting, also to request Doct Fisher to render his account to the Trustees up to Nov 1st inst—for his services as Pastor together with credits for money received &c—

Attest C Hequembourg Jr

Secretary—

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first presbyterian Church at Mr Catlins store April 17th, 1833

Present J. Catlin

Wm L Clarck  
John Thompson  
C Hequembourg Jr

absent

Mr Smith—Nazro—and Van Zaun

meeting was organized by the appointment of Mr J Catlin Chairman—the committee appointed Nov last to examine the accounts of the Revd Doct Fisher, relative to the penny collection, &c Reported that they had examined the accts & find in the hands of Doct Fisher on acct of Sunday collection \$3.05—and due Doct Fisher on account of salary the first of February last \$29—adding the quarters salary due first of May next makes the sum of \$254.00 which will be in full up to that time

*Resolved* that the secretary give public notice of the renting & selling of



pews in May next and that notice be given from the pulpit next Sabbath to the same effect

adjourned

Attest C Hequembourg Jun

Secretary

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first presbyterian Church—held at the church Saturday 4th May 1833

Resolved that the Trustees *re-enter* Pew 66 formerly the property of Nesbet Tailor—now the property of Jas. W King in consequence of a refusal on their part to comply with the terms of sale agreeable to the article or certificate of sale by the President of the board of Trustees—and that the secretary inform Mr. King accordingly.—

Trustees Present

Joseph Smith President

Wm L Clarck

John Thompson

J Catlin

Albert Van Zaun Collector

C Hequembourg Jun Secretary

Attest

C Hequembourg Jun

Secretary

At a meeting of the Trustees held at the House of Mr Hequembourg Sept 24 1833

Trustees present

J. Nazro

A Van Zaun

John Thompson

Wm L Clarck

J Catlin

C. Hequembourg Jr

Meeting was organized by the appointment of J Catlin President Pro. tem. *resolved* that Messrs Hequembourg & Clarck be a committee to examine the Roof of the church & make all necessary repairs—

*resolved* that Joseph Smith & Wm L Clarck be a committee to procure funds for the building of a fence round the church—

*Resolved* that Mess Catlin & Thompson be a committee to make enquiries relative to the Room in the Academy—

*Resolved* that the Secretary purchase twenty Psalm Books for the use of the Singers in the gallery—

*Resolved* that Mess Smith & Nazro be authorized to settle with Mr Van Zaun collector of pew rents—

*Resolved* that Mr. Oliver Pollard be paid the sum of two dollars for the use of the stove in the Academy—no further business appearing it was resolved to adjourn, to meet at the residence of C Hequembourg Jr on Tuesday evening 8th Octo—at 7 o'clock the Secretary was directed to give sufficient notice of the annual meeting for the choice of officers to be held on the 9th November next at 3 O'clock in the afternoon—

Attest C Hequembourg Jun  
Secretary.

At an Adjourned meeting of the Trustees held at the House of C Hequembourg Jun Octo 15th 1833

Present Joseph Smith—Pres

J. Nazro

John Thompson

Wm L. Clark

C Hequembourg Jun

the *several committees* appointed at the last meeting of the Trustees made their reports, and were accepted—the *Committee* to examine the collectors accounts and *committee* to build fence, and also to enquire about the room in the academy were continued.—

Messrs John Thompson and Catlin were appointed a *committee* to examine the accounts of the Treasurer—

adjourned to monday evening the 28th inst

Attest C Hequembourg Jun  
Secretary.

Trustees did not meet agreeable to adjournment—

attest C Hequembourg Jr Secretary  
Octo 28th 1833

Paterson Nov 19, 1833

Agreeable to public notice an Annual Meeting of the congregation of the first presbyterian Society was this day held in the brick church

Mr Albert Van Zaun was chosen Moderator and D W Halsted Secy

The Treasurer not appearing with the annual report proceeded to the choice of Trustees—

Messrs Albert Van Zaun and Joseph Smith were reelected and Wm Dicky was chosen in the place of J Nazro—

Resolv'd—That the Trustees hold their first Meeting at the store of J Catlin on Wednesday evening next at 8 oclk P M

adjd D W. Halsted Secy P T

Paterson November 19th 1833

The Trustees agreeable to a Vote of the Parish meeting on the 19th Octo,  
met this evening at Mr Catlin's store—

The Trustees then proceeded to the election of officers for the year en-  
sueing—which was as follows

Joseph Smith President  
William L Clarck Treasurer  
C. Hequembourg Jr Secretary  
Albert Van Zaun Collector  
Christopher Brower Sexton

Trustees as they now stand are as follows

John Thompson  
C. Hequembourg Jun  
Wm L. Clarck  
J. Catlin  
J. Smith  
A Van Zaun  
William Dickey

*the committee* appointed to settle with Mr Nazro our late Treasurer, made  
report—which report, was accepted, and is in the hands of the new Treas-  
urer,—

*Committee* appointed to settle with the collector made report which was ac-  
cepted.—

*Committee* to build a fence round the church were not ready to report.—

*Committee* to repair the church were not ready to report.—

*Resolved* that The *Treasurer* and *J. Thompson* be a committee to examine  
the *notes*, due from individuals to the Trustees—and request payment from  
those who are solvent—and to renew the notes, as they shall deem exped-  
ient.—*Resolved* that the thanks of the Trustees be presented to A. Godwin  
Jun for the *donation* of the Trustees note of \$30 in his favour.—

*Resolved* that the Collector be required to take notes of all delinquents for  
pew rents over one year—and that the President, procure 100 blanks for this  
purpose.—

Adjourned—attest

C Hequembourg Jun

Secretary

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first presbyterian church held at the  
House of C Hequembourg Jun Paterson January 28th 1834

Present J. Smith President

Wm L Clarck

J Catlin

C Hequembourg Jun

absent John Thompson—Wm Dickey—Albert Van Zaun—  
the following bills were passed by the board to be paid in

Wm Cundles bill of	\$59.63
Oliver Pollards	7.00
C G Garrison	45.82
Mr. Sagers	50.00

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\$162.45

Mr Wm L Clarck moved that the appointment of D. W. Halsted, to take charge of the Church & Session Room &c in the Place of Christopher Brower, be confirmed which was unaimously carried—the note of \$277 dated 21st Dec 1826 given by the Trustees to Revd S. Fisher was presented for payment—the Trustees not feeling able to pay said note Resolved unanimously that the President be requested to make a statement of our inability to pay—to the congregation on the following Sabbath—& propose a subscription to be taken up the following Sabbath to pay said claim

Adjourned

C Hequembourg Jun

Secretary

*Resolved* at the Trustees meeting on the evening of Jan 28th on the appointment of Mr Halsted to take charge of the Church &c that he receive one dollar for each Sabbath—or fifty-two dollars per year

attest

C Hequembourg Jun

January 29th 1834

Secretary

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first presbyterian Church at the store of C Hequembourg Feb 15th 1834

Present William Dickey

J Catlin

J. Thompson

A Van Zaun

C Hequembourg Jun

The Board was organized by the appointment of Mr Dickey President Pro tem

On motion of J. Catlin

*Resolved*—that Mr J W Berry by paying the sum due on one of the pews purchased of the Trustees will be released from the payment of the other—

*Resolved* that Mrs Berry have the approbation of the Trustees to form a female association among the members of the congregation—for the purpose

of raising money to liquidate the claim Doct Fisher holds against the Trustees by a certain note dated 21 Dec 1826

*Resolved* that Mr Halsted be requested to purchase coal sufficient for the season—

Adjourned

Attest C. Hequembourg Jr

Secretary

Tuesday April 8th 1834—At a meeting of the first Presbyterian Society in Paterson, conven'd at the Academy in Market Street, agreeably to notice given from the Pulpit on the preceding Sabbath, to take into consideration the request of the *Rev. Mr. Fisher*, about to be preferred to the Presbytery, to be dismissed from his present charge, with a view to his laboring as an Evangelist at Ramapo Works, & Vicinity, in *Rockland County State of New York*—the meeting having been opened with prayer—

Mr William Dickey, was chosen Moderator C. Hequembourg Jr Secretary—

*Mr Fisher* then stated to the meeting the reasons which led him to desire a dismission from his present charge, & Requested the congregation to acquiesce in the proposed measure—

It was then *Resolved* that Mr. *C. M. Godwin*—*Lemuel White*—and *Aaron King*—be commissioners to represent this congregation at the next sitting of the Presbytery—

*a motion* was then made to instruct the commissioners, what course to pursue relative to the proposed measure of the Revd Mr Fisher—

which resulted in the following *resolution* viz—

*Resolved* that although we duly appreciate the motives that have led our Pastor to seek a dismission from the People of his Charge, and although not wishing to throw any obstacles in the way of his future usefulness, in what he considers a sense of duty, it is with sincere regret that we have heard of his determination to request a dismission—yet we must agreeably to the feelings of the congregation—instruct our commissioners respectfully, to urge before the *Presbytery* the continuation of his connection with this church & congregation—which *resolution* was carried Unanimously

It was further *resolved* that should the Presbytery, after hearing the said commissioners in behalf of the congregation dissolve the connection between the Revd. Mr. Fisher & this congregation—that the following gentleman be appointed a committee to furnish temporary supplies for the Pulpit, untill the congregation, call some minister to take the pastoral charge of the church & congregation viz Mr *William Dickey C Hequembourg Jr*—*Joseph Smith Caleb M. Godwin* and *John Benson* compose this committee

a true copy from the minuits

attest C. Hequembourg Jr Secy

At a meeting of the Trustees held at the house of C Hequembourg Jr  
April 28th 1834

Members present

J. Smith President  
W L Clarck Treas  
A Van Zaun Collector  
J. Thompson  
C. Hequembourg Jr Secy.

Resolved that the Secretary enquire of Mr Fisher the state of the pew No 69 for which he has received rent for several years—

Resolved that the Secretary have permission to rent pews No 8 & 79 to individuals who want single seats for 50-100 per quarter

*Resolved* that the collector report to the Trustees at their next meeting all delinquents for pew rents—and that he take due bills for all difficiencies for rents—

*Resolved* that it be the duty of the sexton of the church in addition to former duties be to take charge of the Sunday School room & perform all duties there as may be required by the superintendants—

Mr Halsted having it in contemplation to remove from the Town tenderd his resignation as Sexton of the church

*A motion* was made to appoint Mr Furdon which was negatived—

*A motion* was then made to reappoint Mr Brower the former Sexton of this church—after discussion was carried

*Yeas* Messrs Thompson  
Clarck—and  
Van Zaun

*Nays* Messrs Smith & Hequembourg

Resolved that Mr. Brower remain in office dureing the pleasure of the Trustees

no further business appearing

Adjourned

C. Hequembourg Jr

Secretary

At a meeting of the Pew holders of the first presbyterian church Paterson June 16 1834 legally conven'd for the purpose of calling a minister to pre-side over this church & congregation—

The meeting was organized by the appointment of the Revd. S Fisher our late pastor, as Moderator, & C Hequembourg Secretary  
opend with prayer—

On Motion *Resolved* that the meeting take into consideration the expediency of calling a minister—the Revd. Sylvester Eaton of Bufalo N. Y. was nomi-



*nated and seconded* to receive a call from this congregation—after discussing the importance of the subject---*Resolved unanimously* that the Revd. S. Eaton be called to become our pastor—

*Resolved* that C. M. Godwin—Daniel F. Lockwood—John Colt—Joseph Smith---Robt O Robinson---William Dickey---Patrick McGee be a committee to make out said call

*Resolved* that the *sallery* be nine hundred dollars---payable quarterly

*Resolved* that John Thompson---C. Hequembourg---& Aaron King be a select committee to prosecute the said call---

prayer by the Moderator

Adjourned

Attest C. Hequembourg Jr

Secretary

At a meeting of the Trustees by order of the President at the House of C Hequembourg Jr 1st July 1834---

Present J. Smith Presd

“ J Catlin

“ J. Thompson

“ Wm L Clark---Treas

“ C. Hequembourg Secy

“ Wm Dickey

*Resolved* that Wm L Clarck be authorised to procure some person to paint the inside of the new gutter piece, on the West side of the church---

*Resolved* that John Thompson be authorised to examine the post in Mr Pat McGees pew, and see if in his opinion it is expedient to allow the post to be cut away, as proposed by Mr McGee--and report to the Trustees---

*Resolved* that the refusal of Mr Wm L. Clarck the use of the church for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of our National Independance on the 4th inst---meets the approbation of this board.---

*Resolved* that John Thompson & Chs Hequembourg be a committee to examine the collectors books & accounts—for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of money due for pew rents up to May last 1834 and report to the Trustees the amount due, with the sums due annexed to each delinquents name---

adjourned

C. Hequembourg Jun

At a meeting of the Trustees at the House of C. Hequembourg Jr 12th Aug 1834

Present J Smith

“ J Catlin

“ J Thompson

“ Wm L Clarck

“ Wm Dickey

“ C Hequembourg Jr

*Resolved* that the deficiency in the pew rents up to may last be immediately collected---and Mr Wm L Clarck be requested to collect the pew rents of the present quarter in the absence of of the Collector—and that Mr J. Thompson be requested to collect all the pew rents due up to May last, as reported by the Committee.---

On Motion of C Hequembourg Jr

*Resolved* that the Sum of Fifty dollars be immediately forwarded to the Revd Mr Eaton of Bufalo as part pay for his expences in removeing to this place—and that he be directed to ship his furniture to the Care of John Colt No 9—Burling Slip N York.—

A *Resolution* was Introduced by C. Hequembourg to build a new Pulpit after discussing the Subject—it was

*Resolved* not expedient so to do—

On motion of Mr Smith & seconded by Mr Clarck—*Resolved* that Mr. Smith & Clarck be a committee to level the ground around the Church—

On *Motion* of Mr Smith—*Resolved* that Mr. Smith & Clarck be a committee to procure some person to white wash the inside of the church

*Resolved* that Mr Whitleys\* proposition to paint the inside & outside of the Church for the sum of \$100 be accepted provided that said painting is not done dureing the hot weather.—

*Resolved* that Mr Thompson & Hequembourg be a committee to settle with Mr Catlin as agent of the bureying ground.—

A *resolution* was introduced by C. Hequembourg—proposing that a committee be appointed to call on all the members of the congregation who do not hire pews—and ascertain how much they are willing to contribute quarterly towards the support of the minister &c—carried in the *negative*—Mr Clarck was requested to call on Mr Pollard to see if he will be willing to collect the pew rents in the absence of the collector &c—

Adjourned

C. Hequembourg Jr

Secretary.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church held at Mr. Catlin's Store on the 22d day of Augt 1834

\*Thomas W. Whitley was a prominent painter of the day, and not only painted houses but landscapes, figures, mills, etc.

Present, Joseph Smith President.

Wm. Dickey	} Trustees
Jacob Catlin	
Wm. L. Clark	

The meeting having been called to order by the President on motion made and seconded Wm. L. Clark was chosen Secy Pro Tem.—On motion made and seconded the following Resolutions passed unanimously viz

1st Resolved that the old Pulpit be taken down—

2d, Resolved that a new one be built in the style of the one in the Dutch Reformed Church

3d Resolved that John S Personette's offer to build one similar to the one in the Reformed Dutch Church having round instead of fancy hand rails for one hundred and sixty five Dollars be accepted and that he be engaged forthwith—

adjourned

Wm L. Clark

Secy Pro Tem

At a meeting of the Trustees of the 1st Presbn church held at the store of Mr Catlin on the 7th day of Nov 1834

Present—Joseph Smith President

Wm Dickey	} Trustees
Jacob Catlin	
A Van Saun	
Wm L. Clark	

On Motion, Wm L. Clark was appointed Secy Pro Tem—

On Motions made and seconded the following bills for Repairs and improvements were passed viz—

paid Isaac Staggs for whitewashing	\$ 22 00
paid John Colt for pd hands for cleaning church &c	11 04
pd Simeon Brainerd bill for 3 chairs	15 —
pd J. & D Benjamin for a Mahogany communion Table	16 —
Thos. W Whitneys bill for Painting	175 —
John S. Personette's bill for building Pulpit &c &c	217 —
John Colt,s bill for wages pd hands for levelling around the church &c	15 51

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\$471 55

On motion made and seconded, resolved that the Trustees claim on Wm Stewart for Pew Rent to 1st Augt be \$3.25—

On Motion resolved that when Mr Lawback settles his pew Rent to 1st

May last that the Trustees relinquish any claim that may appear against him from that time to 1st Novr—

Adjourned

Wm. L. Clark

Secy Pro Tem.

At meeting of the First Presbytertan Society of Paterson, Nov. 19th, at the Church, agreeably to public notice, Mr. Aaron King was appointed Chairman & D. Burnett Secy.

The Treasurer presented the following Report, which was accepted :  
Nov 1, 1834

	Dr.
To J. M. Ryerson's note & Int. to 24th Oct. last	\$ 306 63
" Society U. M.	2,726. —
" P. Colts Estate	252.36
" A. A. Van Houten's Note	150. —
" A. R. Van Houten's	100. —
" John Colt's	60. —
" C. M. Godwin's	30. —
" James Close's	30. —
" Wm. Ellison's	30. —
" D. Burnett's	15. —
" John Vail's	20. —
" Note held by Dr. Fisher	217.48
" J. S. Personett, balance	\$52 )
" T. W. Whitley	30 )
" Treasurer	77 86 )
	\$4097 33
By Pew notes due & unpd	\$604.22
" Pews unsold	3493.11
	\$4097 33

The meeting proceeded to elect four Trustees for the ensuing two years, when Wm. L. Clark, Jacob Catlin, H. S. Raymond and D. Burnett were elected.

Resolved, That Trustees meets at J. Catlin's office, to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, to choose officers of the board, &c.

Paterson, Nov. 24 1834

Trustees met at store of J. Catlin, according to resolution of Society. Present, Albert Van Saun, D. Burnett, W. L. Clark, J. Catlin, Wm. Dickey, & H. S. Raymond. A. Van Saun was appointed President *pro*.

*tem.* & J. Catlin Sec. *pro. tem.* The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year :

Joseph Smith President  
David Burnett, Secretary  
Wm. L. Clark, Treasurer

Christopher Brower was re-appointed Sexton for one year—to be paid one dollar per week to perform the same duties specified in a resolution passed by the Trustees April 28th, 1834.

Albert Van Saun was re-appointed collector—to receive a commission of five per cent. on what he collects.

J. Catlin was reappointed superintendent of the Burying Ground.

Adjourned, *sine die*.

D. Burnett

Sec'y.

May 11. 1835. Trustees met agreeably to appointment—Present, Jos. Smith, W. L. Clark, J. Catlin, H. S. Raymond, D. Burnett.

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Whitely have leave to exchange his lot in the burying ground for two lots on the side hill in said ground.

Mr. Brower, the sexton, having declined longer to attend to the church and Sabbath school rooms for the compensation hitherto allowed, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Brower shall hereafter be paid forty dollars a year for attending to the church and meetings connected with it, and that he be released from the duties connected with the School.

D. Burnett was appointed to confer with Mr. Brower, and in case of his non-acceptance of the above proposition to call another meeting of the Trustees.

Adjourned

Mr. Brower having subsequently signified his acceptance of the proposition above mentioned, no further meeting upon the subject was called.

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Paterson, Nov. 11. 1835

Agreeably to notice, the annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson was held at their church this day at 4 o'clock P. M. Albert Van Saun, Esq. was appointed Chairman & D. Burnett, Secretary

The Treasurer presented a statement of the Society's accounts, which was accepted, and is as follows :

	Dr.
To J. M. Ryerson's note	\$306.63
" Society of Useful Manufactures	2726.—
" P. Colt's Estate	252.36
" Abm. R. Van Houten's Note	100.
" Aaron A. Van Houtens do.	150.
" John Colt's	60.
" C. M. Godwin's	30.
" James Close's	30.
" Dr. Wm. Ellison's	30.
" David Burnett's	15.
John Vail's note	20.
Note held by Dr. Fisher	217.48
John S. Personett, balance	32.
Th. W. Whitley	10.
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	\$3979.47
	Cr.
By Pew notes due and unpaid	\$593.66
" Balance of Treasurer's acct.	5.61
" Pews unsold	3380.20
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	\$3979.47

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of three trustees for two years ensuing, and Joseph Smith William Dickey & Sampson W. Buffum were duly elected

Monday evening, Nov. 16th. Trustees met, present Jos. Smith, Wm. Dickey, Wm. L. Clark, Jacob Catlin, D. Burnett,

Joseph Smith was re-elected President of the Board for the ensuing year.

David Burnett, Secy.

William L. Clark, Treasurer.

Christopher Brower was re-appointed Sexton, and Albert Van Saun Esq. Collector.

W. L. Clark & D. Burnett were appointed Committee to examine the accounts of A. Van Saun & C. M. Godwin.

W. Dickey and J. Smith, Committee to examine J. Catlin's accounts.  
 J. Smith & W. L. Clark committee to settle bills of Mr. Cundell and Mr. Pack.

July 26, 1836.

Trustees met. present. J. Smith, W. L. Clark, W. Dickey, S. W. Buffum D. Burnett.

Mr. Oliver Pollard was elected a trustee to fill the vacancy in the board occasioned by the resignation of Mr. J. Catlin ; and Mr. Robert Morrell, in place of Mr. H. S. Raymond, also resigned.

Mr. Pollard was, on motion appointed Superintendent of the Burial Ground.

Resolved, That a map of the church property be procured to be made, and that Mr. Smith be appointed to attend to that business.

Sept. 8, 1836.

Trustees met—present, Smith, Clark, Pollard, Morrell and Burnett.

Consulted on the expediency of selling the vacant lots on Oliver street, in front of the church,\* for the purpose of discharging the debts of the Society, and erecting a Lecture Room. Agreed to submit the matter to a general meeting of the congregation, to be held for that purpose on the 12th inst.

Sept. 12, 1836.

A meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, convened at the church, at the call of the Trustees: Robert Morrell, Esq. was appointed Chairman, and D. Burnett Secretary.

A statement of the debts of the Society, amounting to \$5,077.50, was read to the meeting, whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That the congregation authorize the Trustees to dispose of the ground in front of the church in such manner as they shall deem best for the interest of the society.

Adjourned.

Nov. 9, 1836

First Presbyterian Society met at the church at 4 o'clock P. M. agreeably to notice given from the pulpit two preceding Sabbaths. Joseph Smith, Esq. was appointed Chairman and D. Burnett Secretary. The Treasurer's statement of the accounts of the Society was read and accepted as follows ;

\*The church was on Ward street, and fronted toward Oliver street.

Dr.		Cr.	
To J. M. Ryerson's note	\$341 00	By Pew notes due	\$593 66
Society of Useful Manf.	3707 00	Cash in hand	4 40
P. Colt's Estat	343 20	Pews unsold	4418 14
A. R. Van Houten's note	100 00		
A. A. Van Houten's "	150 00		
John Colt's	60 00		
C. M. Godwin's	30 00		
James Close's	30 00		
Wm. Ellison's	30 00		
D. Burnett's	15 00		
Note held by Dr. Fisher	210 00		
	\$5016 20		\$5016 20

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Trustees, when Samuel G. Wheeler, William L. Clark, David Burnett & Oliver Pollard were elected for two years, and Robert Morrell for one year

Rev. Sylvester Eaton offered his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Society, which on motion was accepted. D. Burnett was appointed Commissioner to make known this decision to Presbytery, and instructed to ask supplies for the pulpit for six successive Sabbaths upon Mr. Eaton's dismission.

Adjourned.

Friday, Nov. 18. 1836.

Trustees met.—present J. Smith W. Dickey, O. Pollard, D. Burnett, Mr. Smith was re-elected President—D. Burnett, Secretary—W. L. Clark, Treasurer—O. Pollard, Superintendent of Burial Ground.—Adjourned

Dec. 7, 1836.

Trustees met—present, Smith, Dickey, Clark, Wheeler, Morrell, Pollard and Burnett. Messrs. Morrell, Wheeler and Pollard severally took the prescribed oath of office before John K. Flood, Esq. A free consultation was held upon the subject of procuring a pastor, after which the Board adjourned.

*Note.*—Rev. Samuel Fisher surrendered his deed of Pew No. sixty-seven, and a new deed was given by the President to S. G. Wheeler for the same pew.

Jan. 27th, 1837.

Trustees met—All present.—On motion Resolved, That the Superintendent of Burial Ground, be authorised to pay J. S. Personett balance due for hanging bell—also, That he be authorized to give Christopher Brower a free deed for his burial ground lot.

Resolved, That Messrs. Smith, Wheeler and Dickey be appointed a committee to devise ways and means for the erection of a session house.

Adjourned

Nov 15, 1837.

First Presbyterian Society met at the church at 4 o'clock, P. M. agreeably to notice given from the pulpit two preceding Sabbaths. Wm. Dickey, Esq. was called to the chair, and D. Burnett appointed Secretary. The Treasurer presented the following statement of the finances of the Society, which was read and accepted :—

Dr.		Cr.	
To J. M. Ryerson's note &		By pew notes due & unpaid	473 61
Int. to May '36	\$341 00	Cash in hand	1 91
Society U. M.	3707 00	Pews unsold	4300 68
Estate P. Colt	343 20		
A. R. Van Houten's note	100 00		
A. A. Van Houten's "	150 00		
Jno. Colt's	60 00		
C. M. Godwin's	30 00		
Dr. Ellison's	30 00		
D. Burnett's	15 00		
	\$ 4776 20		\$ 4776 20

Meeting proceeded to the election of three Trustees to serve for two years ensuing, when Robert Morrell William Dickey and William Cundell were duly elected.

Adjourned.

Dec. 18, 1837.

Trustees met at house of O. Pollard—all present. W. Dickey was called to the Chair, and D. Burnett chosen Secretary.

It was on motion, Resolved, That we now proceed to the election of officers of the Board, and

S. G. Wheeler, Esq. was elected President

Wm. L. Clark, Treasurer

D. Burnett, Secretary

O. Pollard, Superintendent of Burial Ground

Resolved, That Messrs. Wheeler and Dickey be a committee to raise \$200 for the purpose of liquidating arrearages of salary, &c.

Resolved, That Messrs. Clark & Burnett be a committee to ascertain whether the Pew claimed by Robert King, (No. 54) has been paid for.

Resolved, That Messrs. Wheeler, Morrell and Cundell a committee to confer with Mr. Brower, with a view to the better discharge of the duties of Sexton.

Adjourned.

Friday evening, June 22, 1838

Trustees met at house of Mr. Cundell, present, S. G. Wheeler, Robt. Morrell, Wm. Cundell and D. Burnett. Mr. Cundell took and subscribed the oaths of office. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wheeler reported that the two Committees of which he was chairman, had discharged the duties assigned them.

D. Burnett offered resignation of Mr. Pollard, as a member of the Board, in consequence of his removal from town. Joseph Smith was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy, and also appointed Superintendent of Burial Ground.

Mr. David H. Day was appointed collector of the Pew Rents—to be allowed the usual compensation of five per cent.

Messrs. Smith & Clark were appointed Committee to settle accounts of Mr. Pollard and Mr. Brower.

The following bills were presented and passed :

W. Cundell's amounting to	\$78.34
D Burnett's	5.32
Burnett & Pollards (two)	19.77

Mr. Cundell was appointed to attend to the repairing of the church.

Adjourned

June 29th, 1838

Trustees met at office of S. G. Wheeler,—Present—Wheeler, Morrell, Clark, Smith, Cundell, Burnett. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was presented from the committee of Arrangements for celebrating the 4th of July requesting the use of the church for that occasion. And on motion it was Resolved, That it be granted.

On motion it was Resolved, That D. Burnett be permitted to exchange Pew No. 87 for No. 82, upon paying difference of assessed price.

Messrs. Smith and Cundell were on motion, appointed a committee to take measures for building a fence around the church lot. Adjourned.

Nov. 21st 1838

First Presbyterian Society met at the Academy at 4 o'clock, P. M. agreeably to notice given from the pulpit of the church two preceding Sabbaths. Robert Morrell, Esq. was called to the chair and D Burnett, appointed Secretary.

The Treasurer's statement of Debts and Funds of the Society was presented, read and accepted, as follows :



19th Nov. 1838

	Dr.		Cr.
J. M. Ryerson's note dated		Pew notes due, unpaid	\$473 61
26th, Oct. 1834 \$306.63		Cash	2 46
Int. to this date 74.81	381 44	Pews unsold	4940 55
Society U. M. bond \$2726.00			
Int. fr. 19th May 1830, 1390.26	4116 26		
Estate of P. Colt, bond, 252.36			
Int. fr. 19th May 1830 162.56	414 92		
Aaron A. Van Houten's note	150 00		
Ab. R. Van Houten's note	100 00		
Jno. Colts note	60 00		
C. M. Godwin's	30 00		
Dr. Ellison's	30 00		
D Burnett's	15 00		
State of N. Jersey, bond for			
burying ground & Int. to			
16th May last. \$240.00			
Deduct, pd. 15th inst 140.00	100 00		
J. F. Clark, bal. salary	19 00		
	5416 62		5416 62

Society proceeded to the election of four Trustees for the ensuing two years, and Samuel G. Wheeler, William L. Clark, Joseph Smith and David Burnett, were duly re-elected.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Trustees be authorized to surrender to the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures the old deed of the church lot, and to receive from said Society a new deed for all the ground included in the Square bounded by Ward, Cross and Oliver streets, and the Paterson and Hamburg Turnpike; and also to give the Society U. M. a new bond for the amount of debt due them.

Friday evening Nov. 23, 1838.

Board met at 7 o'clock at the office of the Society U. M.—present, William Dickey, Joseph Smith, Robert Morrell, Wm. L. Clark and D. Burnett. Absent, Samuel G. Wheeler and William Cundell

On motion, W. Dickey was called to the chair and D. Burnett, chosen Secy. p. t.

Joseph Smith was then duly elected President of the Board for the ensuing year. D. Burnett, Secretary and W. L. Clark Treasurer.

C. S. Van Wagoner's bill, pd. by D. Burnett, for surveying &c. amounting to \$6, was passed by the Board. Also Ridgway & Dicky's bill for \$6.09 and J. S. Personett's for \$19.32.

Adjourned.

June 21, 1839.

Trustees met at 4 o'clock, P. M. at the office of the Society U. M.—present Smith, Wheeler, Morrell, Clark, Burnett. Absent, Dickey & Cundell.

A communication from Mr. L. Wilder was read, whereupon it was on motion

Resolved, That the Trustees agree to pay Mr. Wilder the sum of one hundred dollars per annum for instructing the choir and leading the singing in church, commencing from the first of May last.

Resolved That a collection be taken up in the church on the last Sabbath in July, and quarterly thereafter for the payment of said sum.

Adjourned.

Wednesday Nov. 6. 1839.

First Presbyterian Society met at the church at 4 o'clock, P. M. pursuant to notice given two preceding Sabbaths from the pulpit. Moses E. De Witt was called to the chair and D. Burnett, appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Meeting proceeded to the election of three Trustees, and William Dickey Robert Morrell and William Cundell were duly elected

Adjourned.

Jan. 23d 1840.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society held at the office of D. Burnett, on motion, D. Burnett was chosen chairman and Wm. L. Clark, Secretary of this meeting.

On motion, Mr. Joseph Smith was re-elected President,—David Burnett, Secretary, and Wm. L. Clark, Treasurer of the Board.

Mr. Christopher Brower was re-appointed sexton, and Mr. David H. Day, Collector.

On motion, made and seconded

Resolved, That fifty dollars be borrowed from the burying ground fund and paid to Robert King, for that sum paid by him on Pew No. 54 and that the said fifty dollars be refunded when said pew is sold and paid for.

Adjourned.

Paterson, April 11. 1840

At a meeting of the Trustees and Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, convened upon due notice at the office of the Society U. M. at 4 o'clock P. M. Robert Morrell Esq was chosen chairman and D. Burnett Secy.

Present—Rev. John F. Clark, John R. Gould, Aaron King, John Benson, Joseph Smith, Robert Morrell, William Cundell, William Dickey, William L. Clark and David Burnett.

Absent—Samuel G. Wheeler.

The object of the meeting having been stated to be to fix upon a time for calling a meeting of the church and congregation, for the purpose of deciding whether this church shall continue its connection with the Presbytery of Newark, or take measures to connect itself with some Presbytery under the care of the Synod of New Jersey :

On motion it was Resolved, That a meeting for the above purpose be called on Monday next, at the church, at 2 o'clock, P. M. and that notice thereof be given from the pulpit to morrow.

Resolve That this meeting adjourn.

Paterson, April 13, 1840

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society, convened at the church, agreeably to public notice given by order of the Session and Trustees, Aaron S. Pennington, Esq. was called to the chair and D. Burnett chosen Secy.

The object of the meeting having been stated from the Chair, a motion was made that the meeting adjourn until next Monday evening at 7 o'clock, which was discussed and decided in the negative.

The annexed preamble and resolutions were then offered and after debate the vote upon the preamble was taken by yeas and nays and it was adopted. Yeas 63—Nays 13.

It was then moved that the further calling of the roll be dispensed with, and the resolutions were severally adopted *viva voce*, by a large majority.

Whereas the Presbytery of Newark, with which this church and congregation have hitherto been connected, has seceded from the Synod of New Jersey. and dissolved its connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States ; and whereas this action on their part has rendered it an imperious duty for this congregation to make its election, with which of those bodies it will maintain its ecclesiastical relation, Therefore

1. Resolved, That we as a church and congregation will continue our connection, as formerly, with the Synod of New Jersey.

2. Resolved, That in order to carry the above resolution into effect, we will apply to the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, being the nearest to us in connection with the Synod of New Jersey, at its approaching meeting, that we may be taken under their care.

3. Resolved, That Rev. John F. Clark, Joseph Smith, James Close, William Dickey, and David Burnett, be a committee to present our application for admission to the said Presbytery at its next stated meeting.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted to the Moderator of the Presbytery of Newark.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn.

A. S. Pennington Chairman,

D. Burnett, Secy.

April 30th, 1840

Trustees met at the church, present Joseph Smith, W. L. Clark, W. Dickey, & D. Burnett—Absent S. G. Wheeler, Robert Morrell, & Wm. Cundell.

On motion Resolved that Robert Morrell be appointed collector, vice D. H. Day, resigned.

Resolved That W. L. Clark & Joseph Smith be a committee to settle the accounts of Mr. Benson. Adj'd.

July 6th, 1840

Trustees met at the office of D. Burnett present, Smith, Morrell, Cundell, Clark & Burnett. Absent, Dickey & Wheeler.

The resignation of S. G. Wheeler a member of the Board was offered and accepted.

Resolved, That Burnett & Clark be a committee to attend to procuring repairs at the Lecture Room, and that a collection be taken up to defray the expense.

Resolved that Christopher Brower, the present sexton of this church be dismissed on the 1st of August next, and that Matthew Jackson be appointed sexton in his place.

Adjourned

December 3d 1840

First Presbyterian Society met, at the church agreeably to public notice, Roswell L. Colt, Esq. was chosen chairman & D. Burnett, Secretary.

On motion proceeded to the election of four Trustees for the ensuing two years, and Joseph Smith, William L. Clark, John S. Personett and David Burnett were nominated and unanimously elected.

December 25th 1841

Trustees met all present, except Mr Dickey. Mr. Personett, being newly elected, was sworn. On motion, Joseph Smith was re-appointed President; William L. Clark, Treasurer, and D. Burnett, Secretary.

Matthew Jackson was re-appointed Sexton.

Adjourned, to meet 28th inst at 6 o'clock P. M.

December 28th 1840

Trustees met—all present. After a full conversation on the state and prospects of the church, it was Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to confer with the Rev. Mr. Clark, and inform him that in view of the state of our finances, it appears to us that we shall not be able to pay more than \$800 a year salary, and therefore that we cannot promise him the regular payment of his present salary after the first of April next. Adjourned.

May 14th 1841

Trustees met—all present except Mr. Dickey. Rev. Mr. Clark, having announced his intention to resign his pastoral charge, it was Resolved, That we will pay the regular salary of the Rev. Mr. Clark to the end of the present quarter, and that Messrs. Smith and Morrell be a committee to raise by subscription the sum of \$350 for this purpose. Adjourned.

December 9, 1841

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society convened upon due notice at the church, Patrick McGee was chosen chairman and William L. Clark, Secy.

On motion, William Cundell, William Dickey and Robert Morrell were re-elected Trustees for the ensuing two years.

On motion, Resolved that this meeting adjourn, and that the Trustees meet at the call of the President.

December 8, 1842

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, convened at the church upon due notice, Roswell L. Colt was appointed Chairman and Joseph Smith, Secy.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted as follows :

Debts & Funds of the 1st Presbn Society

19th Nov. 1842.

Dr.				Cr.
Society U. M. Bond	\$	2726	Pew notes due & unpaid	\$473 61
Interest on do.		2044	Amt of Pews unsold	5700 16
J. M. Ryerson's claim Assumed			Cash on hand	42
by S. U. M.		500	Balance	22
Estate of P. Colt bond		252 36		
Interest on do		189 25		
A. A. Van Houten's note		150		
Interest to 1 Aug. last.		18		
A. R. Van Houten's note		100		
Interest to 1 Aug. last		12		
Note to John Colt		60		
D. Burnett		15		
Balance due the state & Inter-				
est to 16th inst		129 58		
	\$	6196 19		\$ 6196 19
Balance		\$22		

On motion, Joseph Smith, William L. Clark, John S. Personett and David Burnett were re-elected Trustees for the ensuing two years

On motion, John Colt, Joseph Smith and Robert Morrell were appointed a committee to devise measures for discharging the debts of the Society.

On motion, The meeting adjourned.

December 7, 1843.

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, convened upon due notice at their place of worship, Joseph Smith, Esq. was appointed Chairman and D. Burnett, Secy.

On motion, William Dickey, Robert Morrell and William Cundell were re-elected Trustees for the ensuing two years.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, convened at the church on Thursday evening, January 4th 1844 agreeably to public notice given from the pulpit on the preceding Sabbath, the Rev. Nicholas Murray of Elizabeth Town, having been invited to officiate as Moderator, after having preached a sermon, took the chair and David Burnett was appointed clerk.

On motion Resolved, That we do now proceed to the election of a Pastor.

William H. Hornblower a Licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick was nominated. No other person being nominated, the vote was taken and Mr. Hornblower declared duly elected.



Resolved, That a committee of five persons be appointed to sign the call on behalf of the congregation and that Robert Morrell, Joseph Smith, David Burnett and William Dickey and Cornelius P. Hopper constitute said committee.

Resolved, That the salary of the Pastor elect be seven hundred dollars for the first year and thereafter eight hundred dollars a year.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by the Moderator

D Burnett, Clerk.

December 12, 1844

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, convened upon due notice at their place of worship, Jesse Talbot was appointed Chairman and D. Burnett, Secy.

On motion, William L. Clark, John S. Personett, Joseph Smith and David Burnett were re-elected Trustees for the ensuing two years, adjourned

January 27. 1845

The Trustees met at the house of R. Morrell, Present Smith, Cundell, Morrell, Burnett—absent, Clark and Dickey. Deceased, J. S. Personett.

R. Morrell was appointed Chairman pro tem. and D. Burnett, Clerk. On motion, Joseph Smith was re-elected President, D. Burnett Clerk and Wm. L. Clark, Treasurer. Aaron S. Pennington was then nominated and appointed a Trustee to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Mr. Personett.

Mr. Smith laid before the Board a Deed from the Society U. M. for the Church lot dated 21st December, 1844\* and on motion it was Resolved That the same be accepted and that the Clerk be directed to communicate the thanks of this Board to the Governor of said Society therefor.

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to take said Deed, & to get it recorded.

Resolved, That Messrs. Smith and Cundell be a committee to have such alterations made in the pulpit as may be requisite and to devise means for procuring a settee or sofa therefor

\*The church having become hopelessly involved in debt, and some of the creditors pressing for their money, judgments were entered up against it in 1842 and 1843 by the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures, by the Estate of Peter Colt, by the State of New Jersey, and by others, amounting to \$5,919.71, to satisfy which the church site and the three acres of land bought from the State of New Jersey in 1826 for a cemetery, on the south side of Market street, opposite Carroll, were sold at Sheriff's sale, July 29, 1843, and were bought in by the Society U. M., which by deed dated December 21, 1844, reconveyed the church site to the church, with sundry restrictions. The deed was recorded March 31, 1845, in Book H of Deeds for Passaic County, pages 524 &c. A certified copy of the deed is entered in Vol. IV of Minutes of the Board of Trustees, pages 153-8, and will be found in the Appendix to this printed volume.

Resolved, that Messrs. Smith, Morrell and Clark be a committee to ascertain what settlement can be made of the old debts of the Society.

Adjourned

August 4, 1845

Trustees met at the office of the Society U. M.\*—all present.

Messrs Cundell and Burnett were appointed a committee to attend to repairing the church and building a privy on the church lot.

Mr. Pennington was appointed to procure a new deed of the burying ground,† and to prepare new Deeds for the Pews.

Messrs. Morrell & Smith were appointed a committee to procure a new Organ

The committee on old debts reported in part and were continued

Adjourned.

November 13, 1845.

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society, convened at their place of worship upon due notice, William L. Clark was appointed Chairman and Absalom B. Woodruff Secretary.

On motion, William Cundell, William Dickey and Robert Morrell were elected Trustees for the ensuing two years—and Aaron S. Pennington was elected a Trustee for one year, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of John S. Personett.

Adjourned.

March 16. 1846

The Trustees met at the office of the Society U. M. Present—Smith, Clark, Cundell, Morrell, Burnett.

Mr. Cundell was appointed chairman pro tem, and D. Burnett, Secy.

On motion, Joseph Smith, Esq. was elected President of the Board for the ensuing year, & took the chair. D. Burnett was elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Wm. L. Clark, being about to remove from this town declined a re-election as Treasurer and D. Burnett was elected Treasurer pro tem.

\*Joseph Smith, President of the Board, was Agent for the S. U. M., which probably accounts for the meetings being held at that office.

†This was for the three acres of land bought from the State, in 1826, for a burying ground, on the south side of Market street opposite Carroll. The deed does not appear to have been prepared, but the church continued to give warranty deeds for burial lots therein. In 1889 it was discovered that the church had no deed for this tract from the Society U. M., which had bought it in at Sheriff's sale, and the Society kindly gave a quit claim deed therefor.

On motion, J. Smith and D Burnett were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer.

Adjourned.

D. Burnett, Clerk

November 26, 1846.

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, convened upon due notice at the Church, Roswell L. Colt, Esq was appointed Chairman and D. Burnett Secretary.

On motion the following persons were nominated and duly elected Trustees for the ensuing two years, viz: William Crossett, Joseph Smith, Aaron S. Pennington and David Burnett.

Adjourned.

D. Burnett, Secy.

November 25: 1847.

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, convened upon due notice, at the church, B. W. Vandervoort, Esq was appointed Chairman and D Burnett, Secretary.

On motion, the following persons were nominated and duly elected Trustees for the ensuing two years, viz William Dickey, William Cundell and William L. Clark.

Adjourned

D. Burnett, Secy.

November 23d 1848

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, convened upon due notice at the church Abraham Gould was appointed Chairman and Henry Clark Secretary.

The following persons were nominated and duly elected Trustees for the ensuing two years, viz: Henry Clark, John Garrison Aaron S. Pennington and David Burnett.

On motion, Resolved, That the Trustees meet immediately upon the adjournment of this meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That this meeting adjourn.

At a meeting of the Trustees at the church November 23d 1848, pursuant to a resolution of the Society, the following members were present—Dickey, H. Clark, Cundell, Garrison, Burnett. Absent—A. S. Pennington, & W. L. Clark.

On motion, William Cundell, was elected President, and D. Burnett, Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year.

Matthew Jackson was appointed Sexton for the ensuing year.

On motion, adjourned.

D. Burnett, Clerk.

November 22d 1849.

The First Presbyterian Society of Paterson met at their church, when Henry Clark, Esq was appointed chairman and D. Burnett Secretary

The following persons were nominated and duly elected Trustees for the ensuing year: William Dickey, William Cundell and Stephen Allen.

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to have the church repaired.

Adjourned.

D. Burnett, Secy.

March 14th 1850

Trustees met, J. Garrison, absent. Henry Clark was appointed Chairman and D. Burnett Secretary.

The following officers were elected for the current year:

William Cundell, President

Henry Clark, Treasurer.

D Burnett, Clerk

Matthew Jackson, Sexton

D. Burnett, Collector

Messrs. Pennington, Dickey and Allen were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts.

On motion, Resolved that the salary of the Rev. Mr. Hornblower ought to be raised to one thousand dollars per annum, and that W. Cundell, H. Clark and D. Burnett be a committee to raise the additional sum of \$200 by voluntary subscription of the pew holders.

Resolved, That an effort be made to procure blinds for the church and that A. S. Pennington, W. Dickey and S. Allen, be a committee to solicit subscriptions for that purpose

The Sexton made application for increase of salary and the subject was referred to the committee on salary of Mr. Hornblower.

Adjourned

D. Burnett, Secy.

At a meeting of the male members of the church and congregation at the Lecture Room of the First Reformed Dutch Church, Oct. 21st 1850, convened upon public notice, for the purpose of devising measures for rebuilding the Church and Lecture room and school rooms, which were destroyed by fire on the 5th inst.\* John Keenan, Esq. was appointed Chairman and D. Burnett, Secretary.

The following Resolutions were submitted and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the destruction of our Church, Lecture Room and school rooms by fire, we recognize a dispensation of Divine Providence call

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\*While a tinner was at work on the roof, his charcoal furnace was upset, the roof caught fire, and the church was destroyed.

ing upon us and every and every member of the church and congregation, for self denial and united, persevering efforts to sustain the means of grace, and secure again a convenient house of worship and place for Parochial and Sabbath School instruction.

Resolved, That it is highly desirable to erect as soon as possible a new Church; and if practicable a Lecture Room and school room also.

Resolved, That it is expedient and necessary to raise for these purposes, the sum of at least ten thousand dollars, with as little delay as possible; and that the plans and contracts to be devised and entered into should correspond as nearly as possible with the amount of funds secured, so that no permanent debt be incurred.

Resolved, That the Trustees together with W. H. Hornblower, John Colt, James Close, James D. Lockwood, Socrates Tuttle, and such others as may be selected by them, be a Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to use all diligence to procure funds here and elsewhere, for the purposes named in the foregoing resolution

Resolved, That persons subscribing towards the erection of said building or buildings shall be allowed the amounts by them subscribed and paid, in payment for such pews as they may purchase in the church when erected—under such regulations and subject to such assessments as may be established from time to time.

Resolved, That John Colt, Henry White, John Keenan, Robert Thompson, James Angus and Rev. W. H. Hornblower be a committee to procure plans and estimates for the proposed building or buildings, and that said committee together with the Board of Trustees be authorized and directed to decide upon such plans; to make contracts and to do all other necessary things to carry forward and complete said building or buildings.

On motion adjourned.

D. Burnett, Secy.

Paterson, March 8. 1851

The Committee and Trustees met at the house of Rev. W. H. Hornblower. Present—W. Cundell, W. H. Hornblower, H. White J. Garrison, S. Allen, H. Clark, D. Burnett

Resolved, That the Contracts prepared by J. G. Hall, Esq. be signed by Wm. Cundell in behalf of this Board.

Resolved, That W. Cundell, James Angus, John Garrison and Henry Clark be a committee to superintend the preparation of the grounds and erection of the Church and Lecture Room.

November 27th 1851

The First Presbyterian Society of Paterson met at their Lecture Room,

upon due notice, for the election of Trustees. Thomas Gould, Esq. was appointed Chairman, and Henry Clark, Secy.

The following persons were nominated and elected Trustees for the ensuing year—Henry Clark, John Garrison and Aaron S. Pennington and James D. Lockwood; and the following for the ensuing two years—William Cundell, Stephen Allen and David Burnett.\*

The Trustees met at the office of A. S. Pennington, Esq.

Present—Pennington, Cundell, Clark, Allen, Lockwood, Burnett.

Absent—Garrison

On motion, Wm. Cundell was elected President for the ensuing year.

D. Burnett, Secretary

H. Clark, Treasurer

M. Jackson, Sexton.

On motion, Resolved, That the Board approve of the deposite of the funds of the Church as heretofore made in the Peoples† Bank by the Treasurer, and his taking a certificate of the Receivers for the same since the failure of said Bank.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to deposite the funds hereafter in the Ocean Bank of the city of New York.

August 30, 1852

The Trustees met. Present—Cundell, Pennington, Clark, Allen, Burnett.

Resolved That the President be authorized to give a note at 4 months for \$ on account of carpenter work on church.

Resolved, That the building committee be authorized to employ Henry Smith to paint the Church, and that it be painted a dark oak color.

Resolved, That the building committee be authorized to procure furnaces for warming the Church.

Nov. 3d, 1852

The Trustees met—*Present*, Cundell, Clark, Lockwood, Burnett. Absent, Pennington, Garrison, Allen.

On motion, Resolved, That the scale of prices of the Pews as laid down upon the chart prepared by the Clerk and the Regulations for the sale and renting of the same be adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the pur-

\*No meeting of the congregation appears to have been held in 1850 for the election of trustees.

†The People's Bank failed in December, 1851, when a Receiver was appointed. It was the only bank in Paterson at the time.



pose of paying for the Buildings &c and that the President be authorized to execute Bonds and Mortgages for the same.\*

November 25th, 1852

The First Presbyterian Society of Paterson met at their new church† upon due notice for the election of Trustees. Mr. Peter Adams was appointed Chairman and James D. Lockwood Clerk.

On motion, Henry Clark, John Garrison, Aaron S. Pennington, and James D. Lockwood were re-elected Trustees for the ensuing two years.

Adjourned.

January 6th 1853.

Trustees met—Present, Cundell, Clark, Garrison, Allen, Lockwood, Burnett.

Absent.—Pennington.

William Cundell was appointed President—David Burnett, Clerk—Henry Clark, Treasurer—James D. Lockwood, Collector—and Matthew Jackson, Sexton for the Current year.

On motion, Resolved, That the Sexton's Salary be \$80 per annum, from the first of November last.

Adjourned.

February 25, 1853.

Trustees met.—*Present*, Allen, Clark, Lockwood, Burnett. *Absent*—Cundell, Pennington, Garrison.

S. Allen was appointed President pro tem.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Treasurer be authorized to procure from R. L. Colt, Esq. a Deed for the lot on Main street enclosed by Wright Flavell, and to deliver the same to said Flavell upon receipt of C. D. Ridgway's note for \$350, endorsed by said Flavell, and payable within one year with interest.‡

Adjourned.

\*The church gave a mortgage, dated January 13, 1853, to Elias Vreeland, for \$800, payable in one year, on two tracts of land on the west side of Main street; the first beginning at the northeast corner of a lot belonging to John Stagg, and being 25 feet in front by 125 to 126 feet in depth; the second lot beginning at the southeast corner of a lot of Samuel Pope, and being 50 feet in front by 114 to 117 feet in depth. The mortgage was canceled September 15, 1853.—*Book E of Passaic County Mortgages*, 474-5. These lots were conveyed to the church by the S. U. M., by deed dated September 16, 1852.—*Book R of Passaic County Deeds*, 577. The second of these lots began sixty-one feet south of Slater street. The first began twenty-one feet north of Slater street.

†The new building was dedicated November 10, 1852.

‡The deed from the S. U. M. to Wright Flavell is dated February 26, 1853, was proved February 28, and recorded March 2, 1853, in Book S of Passaic County Deeds, pp. 340-2. It is for Lot 11, Block P, on Van Wagoner's Map, twenty-five feet front, on the westerly side of Main street, and 111 to 113 feet deep. It was eighty-six feet south of Slater street,

April 8th, 1853.

The Trustees met. Present—Cundell, Allen, Lockwood, Garrison, Clark, Burnett.

Absent.—Pennington.

On motion, Resolved, That the President be authorized and directed to convey to Matthew Jackson the two building lots belonging to the Society, situate on the west side of Mill street, for the consideration of five hundred dollars.\*

Resolved, That Thomas Seager be employed to paint the fence around the church lot.

Adjourned.

May 25, 1853

The Trustees met. Present—Cundell, Allen, Lockwood, Clark, Burnett.

Absent—Pennington, Garrison.

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Organist fifteen dollars per quarter for his services commencing from the first of May instant.

Resolved That the note of C. D. Ridgway, in the hands of the Treasurer, be paid to W. Cundell, in part payment of his acc.

Adjourned.

August 26th 1853.

Trustees met. Present, Cundell, Clark, Allen, Lockwood, Burnett.

Absent—Pennington & Garrison.

Resolved, That the President be instructed to execute Deeds to Frederick Beh and Philip White for the two Lots on the east side of Mill street, for the consideration of \$250 each.†

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to sell the two lots on Main street above Slater st. for \$650 and that the President be instructed to execute a Deed therefor whenever such sale may be made.‡

Adjourned.

Nov. 24th, 1853.

The First Presbyterian Society of Paterson met at their house of worship

\*There is no such conveyance to Jackson on record.

†The conveyance to White is dated August 29th, 1853; consideration, \$250; for lot on the east side of Mill street, 250 feet south of Slater street, 25x115 feet, known as No. 953, Block Q, on R. M. Bouton's map, Recorded in Book T of Passaic County Deeds, p. 392.

‡The conveyance to Beh is dated November 4, 1853; consideration, \$250; for lot on the east side of Mill street, 225 feet south of Slater street, 25x115 feet. Recorded in Book T, of Passaic County Deeds, p. 651.

§By deed dated September 15th, 1853, the Trustees conveyed to Samuel Bacon, consideration, \$650, a lot on the west side of Main street, at the southeast corner of a lot of Samuel Pope, which was sold to him by the S. U. M., 18th June, 1852, thence southerly along the same 50 feet, to a lot of Wright Flavell, 114 feet, 4 inches deep, known as lots 5 and 7 on Block P, on Van Wagoner's supplement to Bouton's map. Recorded in Book T of Passaic County Deeds, p. 500.

upon due notice for the election of Trustees and other business. Aaron S. Pennington, Esq. was appointed Chairman and D. Burnett, Secretary.

Mr. Pennington offered his resignation as Trustee, which was accepted.

Mr. William Gledhill, Mr. Henry Muzzy and Mr. Abraham Gould were elected Trustees for the ensuing two years; and Mr. Stephen Allen for one year in place of Mr. Pennington.

The Treasurer presented and read a statement of the receipts and expenditures on building account, whereupon Mr. R. L. Colt offered the Society a building lot on Marshall street, to fill up the subscription for payment of debts.

On motion, Resolved, That the weekly collections for incidental expenses be resumed. Adjourned

D. Burnett, Secy.

The Trustees met at the store of James D. Lockwood Esq in Main street, Paterson Present full Board

Henry Clark was appointed chairman and James D. Lockwood Secy.

On motion Henry Muzzy Esq was elected President of the Board for the ensuing year and William Gledhill Secy whereupon Mr Muzzy took the chair & organized the Board

On motion the following officers were appointed in addition viz

Henry Clark	Treasurer
James D. Lockwood	Collector
Matthew Jackson	Sexton

On motion it was resolved that the Board approve the sale of a building lot for \$ to John Stagg and that a deed be executed for the same.\*

On mot adjd

James D. Lockwood

Secy†

Paterson Feb 1st 1854

The Board met at James D. Lockwoods store in Main street.

Present full Board except Mr Muzzy On motion Stephen Allen was called to the chair.

On motion ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to sell to any person for three hundred dollars the lot given to the Board by Roswell L. Colt

\*By deed dated September 15th, 1853, the Trustees conveyed to John Stagg, consideration, \$450, a lot "beginning on the west side of Main street at the northeast corner of a lot of said John Stagg and running thence westerly along the north line of said lot about 125 feet to rear of lots fronting on Marshall street, thence northerly along the rear of said lots 25 feet, thence easterly parallel with first line about 126 feet six inches to Main street, thence southerly along the same 25 feet to the beginning." Recorded in Book U of Pascaic County Deeds, p. 48.

†The minutes of this meeting are in the handwriting of William Gledhill.

Esquire situated in Mill street & that in case of sale the President execute a deed for the same to the purchaser.\*

On mot. adj'd

Wm Gledhill

Sec

Paterson Aug. 30th 1854

The Board met at the store of James D. Lockwood in Main Street

Present full Board except Mr Gledhill in whose place S. Allen was appointed Sec. pro tem.

On motion it was ordered that Mr Muzzy and Mr Gould be a committee to fence in the new Cemetery ground given to the Board by Roswell L. Colt Esquire and to lay out the same on North side of Market St

On motion It was ordered that H. Clark be a committee to flag or pave the walk in front of the Church in Main street

On mot. adj'd

S. Allen Sec. pro tem.

Paterson Nov 25th 1854

At a meeting of the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Paterson held this day, after due notice given

On motion Thomas Gould was called to the chair & David Burnett chosen Secretary.

On motion it was ordered that Henry Whitely be chosen a Trustee for two years in place of Stephen Allen, and Andrew Derrom for two years in place of ———† & Messrs. H. Clark & Lockwood for two years

On mot adj'd

Paterson Dec 13th 1854

The Trustees met all present.

On mot. Andrew Derrom was chosen Chairman & Wm Gledhill Secretary

On mot. it was ordered that the following persons, after being chosen by vote, be declared elected

Henry Whitely	President
Wm Gledhill	Secretary
Henry Clark	Treasurer
James D. Lockwood	Collector
Matthew Jackson	Sexton

On motion adj'd

Wm Gledhill Secy

\*See under date of December 13th, 1854.

† John Garrison.

Wednesday Dec 13th 1854

The Board met at the store of James D. Lockwood present full board  
Henry Whitely in the Chair

It was on mot ordered

That the Sextons salary be eighty dollars per annum

That the Collector be paid five per cent commission on collections & to  
sell uncurrent money paid him at his discretion.

The Committee on paving & Cemetery reported their work nearly complete

Committee on Mill St lot reported that they had sold same to Mrs McAlister at price authorized & that deed had been given. Confirmed.\*

On mot. it was ordered

That Messrs Derrom & Lockwood be a Com. to examine the accounts of  
the Treasurer

That H. Clark be a committee to confer with Mr Hedge, organist and  
Jno. Smith chorister and say that the Board is not able to advance the  
salary of the former but will pay the latter Forty dollars per annum to be  
used at his discretion

H. Clark reported that he had rented the Elm St school house to the  
school committee of the South Ward for \$20 for one quarter & the session  
school room for \$60 a year to Mr. Rogers. Ordered That the Elm St.  
school be rented for \$80 per annum and repairs

That Derrom & Lockwood be a finance Com. for current year

On mot. adjd

Wm Gledhill

Sec

Paterson July 5th 1855

The Trustees met at Lockwoods House in Main Street, President  
Whitely in the Chair, and Jas. D. Lockwood Secy pro tem., present, also,  
Derrom, Clark, Muzzy and Gould

On mot. it was Resolved that we build a Stone wall in Market St. front  
of our Cemetery Two hundred & forty feet long, in lime and sand, five feet  
high above the ground & one foot wide at the foundation, two feet thick at

\*By deed dated March 18, 1854, the Trustees conveyed to John Huffman, in trust for Nancy McAlister, consideration, \$300, a lot "beginning on the east side of Mill street at a point distant 275 feet southerly from the south line of Slater street, running thence southerly along Mill street 25 feet, thence easterly parallel with Slater street 115 feet to rear of lots fronting on Marshall street, thence northerly along said line 25 feet to lot heretofore deeded to said party of the first part by the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures, thence westerly along the south line of said lot 115 feet to the place of beginning. Being known as lot Number 153, Block Q on R. M. Bouton's lithograph map, and being the same lot conveyed by the S. U. M. to said party of the first part by deed dated December 10, 1853 and recorded in Book U of Deeds pp. 137-9." Recorded in Book U of Passaic County Deeds, p. 457.

the base & fourteen inches thick at the top with blue coping finish sixteen inches wide, to be contracted for & that

Hy. Whitely & Andr Derrom be a Committee on building

On mot adjd

Jas D Lockwood Sec

pro tem

Paterson July 16, 1855

The Board met, present Derrom, Clark, Gould, and Lockwood and on motion, Andr Derrom was appointed chairman & Jas. D. Lockwood Sec. pro tem

The proposals for stone wall at the Cemetery in Market Street were opened

On mot. resolved that the building of the Stone wall at the Cemetery be given to Cornelius D. Vreeland for Two hundred & Eighty dollars the lowest bid

On mot adjd

Jas D Lockwood

Sec pro tem

Nov 29th 1855

At a meeting of the congregation of the 1st Presbyterian church of Paterson, held this day, after due notice given

It was on motion duly ordered that Messrs Abraham Gould, Henry Muzzy and Wm Gledhill be chosen Trustees for the ensuing Two years

Paterson Dec 5th 1855

The Board met present

Henry Whitely

Andrew Derrom

Henry Muzzy

Abraham Gould

Henry Clark

James D. Lockwood

Wm Gledhill

On motion the following officers were chosen

Henry Whitely

President

Wm Gledhill

Secretary

Henry Clark

Treasr

Jas. D. Lockwood

Collec

Matthew Jackson

Sexton

On mot. it was ordered that the President and Henry Clark be authorized to sell the Elm street school House



Bills of the City for Grading in Market Street &c were presented amounting to \$974 59

On mot. Messrs Whitely, Clark & Gledhill were appointed a committee to wait on Mr Hornblower and notify him that the Board advise that he take a tour for the benefit of his health as proposed by him & that during his absence his Pulpit will be duly supplied and his Salary paid to him

On mot. adjd

Wm Gledhill

Sec

Paterson Apl 7, 1856

The Board met, present Whitely, Clark, Lockwood, Muzzy, Derrom & Gledhill

On mot ordered

That the Committee to sell Elm Street property be authorized to borrow one thousand dollars & give the bond of the Board secured by mortgage on the Elm St. property for the same.\*

That out of the proceeds the bill of Crane & Garrison be paid in full & that the balance be paid on the bill of the City

That Messrs Derrom & Gledhill take charge of the City claim & endeavor to get an abatement from the same

That Messrs Clark & Derrom be a Committee to attend the Sink & Roof

On mot adjd

Wm Gledhill

Sec.

Paterson Nov 20 1856

At a meeting of the congregation of the first Presbyterian church, held this day after due notice given

It was on motion and duely order that Messrs

Henry Whitely

Henry Clark

Andrew Derrom

J D Lockwood

be chosen Trustees for the ensuing two years

\*Under date of January 13, 1853, the Trustees mortgaged this property to Elias Vreeland, for \$800, payable in one year. This mortgage was cancelled Sept. 15, 1853. Book E of Passaic County Mortgages, p. 474. Under date of April 30, 1856, they mortgaged the same property to John N. Terhune, for \$1,000. This mortgage was cancelled September 23, 1856. Book G of Passaic County Mortgages, p. 313. By deed dated September 1, 1856, the Trustees conveyed the property to the Trustees of the First German Presbyterian Church at Paterson, consideration \$1,225, subject to the above mortgage for \$1,000, which formed part of the aforesaid consideration. Recorded in Book A 2 of Passaic County Deeds, p. 54.



Tuesday evening Nov 25 '56

Trustees met at Lockwoods

Present Henry Whitely

Henry Muzzey

Henry Clark

Andrew Derrom

Abm Gould

J D Lockwood

On motion the following officers where chosen for the ensuing year

Henry Whitely

President

J D Lockwood

Sec

Henry Clark

Treasr

J D Lockwood

Collec

Matthew Jackson

Sexton

Motion made & carried that no sale be made for buering lots without the purchase money or a satisfactory note at once be given for every such sale bills for painting parsonage presented in favor of Shorrock for 36.30 Mr Carter 8 88 D. Milne 14.50 Amounting in all to \$59 68 ordered to be paid

On mot ajrd

J D Lockwood Sec

Paterson dec 22d 56

Board met at Lockwoods store Main St present, full Board except Derrom and Gledhill

Mr H. Whitely in the Chair

Mr H. Mussy presented a letter from Mr H O. Hedge, requesting an increase of forty dollars to his salary for services as organist after a careful consideration and discussion it was unanimously agreed and order'd that no advance be made and that Sec reply to his note to that effect—

Next buisness taken up for consideration is respecting salery of Mathew Jackson who prays for an increase of twenty dollars. after considerable discussion it was agreed and order'd that in addition to his present salery \$80.00 he be allowed the privalege of occupiing the pew now in his posesion worth eight dollars per year free of charge and that an acc of fourteen dolls for rent of pew be cancelled

On mot adjourned

J D Lockwood Sec

Paterson Jany 12th 1857

Board met at Lockwoods store Main St present full board except Mr Gould President in the chair minutes of last meeting where read & approved

as being correct but on motion it was duly ordered that they be reconsider'd—

A motion was then made that the salary of Mr H O. Hedge be increased from 60 to one hundred dollars per year, after some little debate it was carried unanimously to commence from 1st February 1857

Next business in order was concerning Sextons salary on motion it was duly order'd that Mathew Jacksons salary for services as Sexton be increased from 80 to one hundred dollars per annum to commence from Nov 1st 56

On motion aj'rd J D Lockwood

Sec

Nov 26th 1857

At a meeting of the congregation of the first Presbyteren church of Paterson held this day in their house of worship after due notice given Mr D. Burnett was called to the chair and J D Lockwood appointed Secty. It was on motion duly ordered that Messrs Henry Mussy Henry Williams and Abm Gould be chosen Trustees for the ensuing two years On motion

Adjourned

November 26th, 1857

Board of Trustees met in their house of worship--Present--Henry White-ly, Henry Clark Henry Williams, Andrew Derrom Henry Mussy, J. D. Lockwood on motion it was duly ordered that Mr Henry Whitely be Presidt.

Jas. D. Lockwood

Sec

Henry Clark

Treas

J. D. Lockwood

Col

Mathew Jackson

Sexton

for the ensuing year

The subject came up, that some alteration in the Lecture room be made, for the convenience and comfort, of the sabbath school, and evening meetings after discussing the subject at some length, on motion it was duly ordered, that Mr Andrew Derrom Henry Clark and Henry Mussy be a committee, invested with full power, to make such alterations and improvements as their better judgement may deem necessary—

on motion

adjourned

J D Lockwood

Sec

Paterson 18th November, 58

At a meeting of the Congregation of the first Presbyterian Church held this day after due notice given Mr S. Tuttle was called to the chair & Mr J.

D. Lockwood appointed Secty. it was on motion and duly ordered that  
Messrs

Henry Whitely

Henry Clark

Andrew Derrom

James D. Lockwood

be chosen Trustees for the ensuing two years

On motion adjourned

J D Lockwood

Sec

Monday evening Nov 22d 1858

Board of Trustees met at the house of J. D. Lockwood

Present, Henry Clark Henry Mussy Andrew Derrom Abm Gould Henry  
Williams Jas D. Lockwood, Absent Henry Whitely, Mr Henry Williams  
was appointed chairman for the evening & J. D. Lockwood Sec

On motion it was duly ordered that Mr. Henry Whitely be Presd

J. D. Lockwood

Sec

Mr. Henry Clark

Treas

Mr. Mathew Jackson

Sexton

Jas. D. Lockwood

Coll

for the ensuing year

Mr. A. Derrom complained that the parsonage was in miserable and un-  
safe condition after considerable discussion Mr. H. Mussy and Mr. Abm.  
Gould was appointed a Committee to examine the premises and report at the  
next meeting. Mr. A. Derrom and J. D Lockwood was also appointed a  
committee to examine Treasurers Account and report at next meeting on  
motion adjourned

J D Lockwood Sec

Paterson March 28th 1859

Trustees met at the house of J. D Lockwood Present—full board Presi-  
dent in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved Com-  
mittee on repairs, report they have examined the parsonage, with the Pastor  
who professed himself satisfied with its present condition. Committee on  
acc, report progress—

on motion it was duly ordered that the church edifice be insured for five  
thousand dollars in the Hudson mutual insurance company, and that the  
President of this board be Authorized to sign the premium note, also that  
the Amount of three thousand dollars insurance, be effected in the north  
river insurance Company upon the same building—

On motion it was resolved and duly ordered that a meeting of the pew own-

ers be called on Wednesday evening April 6th in the lecture room—also a meeting of the congregation be called on Thursday evening April 7th in the church both meetings to commence at half past 7 O clock to take in consideration the propriety of raising the assessments on the pews for the purpose of advancing the Pastors Salary

on motion it was resolved and duly ordered that Mr A. Derrom and Mr Henry Mussy be a Committee to ascertain the number of burials made by Mathew Jackson in the last year And likewise the Amount received for said burials

Resolved that the propriety of enlarging the lecture room for the accomodation of the Sabbath School be presented to the congregation at their meeting on the 7th of April—on motion adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening April 6 in the lecture room

James D Lockwood  
Sec

Proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees and pew owners of the first Presbyter'n Society of Paterson held in the Lecture room of said church on the evening of the 6th April 59 pursuant to the notice for that purpose given—

Mr Henry Clark stated that the object of the meeting was to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the annual assessment upon the pews sold, or which may hereafter be sold—

Mr David Burnett was duly appointed Chairman & Mr H. A. Williams Sec— A list of the names of the pew owners where presented, from which, it appeared that twenty six pews had been sold—

Mr Henry Clark offered the following resolution

Whereas, it is found that the present annual assessment upon the pews in the first Presbyterian Church of Paterson is insufficient to pay the Pastors Salary and other necessary expenses of the congregation—

Therefore, Resolved, that the Annual assessment upon all the pews heretofore sold in said church or that may hereafter be sold shall be eleven per cent upon the permanent valuation thereof instead of eight per cent—which was seconded, and after a few—remarks and enquiries from those present was adopted, eighteen votes in the affirmative and none in the negative on motion the meeting

adjourned

April 6th 1859

J. D. Lockwood Sec  
Board Trustees

Proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees and congregation of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson held in their house of worship on the evening of the 7th April 59 pursuant to notice. for that purpose given. Mr Henry

Williams was elected to the chair and James D. Lockwood Sec.—

Mr Henry Clark stated, the object of the meeting was to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the annual assessment upon the pews for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the church. Mr D. Burnett—offered the following Preamble and Resolution to wit— Whereas the salary of the Revd Wm H. Hornblower has been informally increased to fifteen hundred dollars a year, and it is proper that the action of the Trustees in this matter, under the circumstances which have been stated should be sanctioned by this meeting, be it Resolved, That the payment of an increased rate of salary, heretofore made by the Trustees of this church to the Revd Wm H. Hornblower, be, and the same is, hereby, approved, and that said Salary, be continued at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars a year. Resolved, That inasmuch as the present rate of assessment upon the pews in the church is inadequate to the payment of the Pastors Salary and other necessary expenses, and the owners of the pews sold, having unanimously agreed to an advance of three per cent on the annual assessment upon their pews, it is hereby recommended that the Trustees make a corresponding increase of three per cent upon the valuation, in the Annual rent of the pews remaining unsold—from and after the first of may next—

this preamble and Resolution was seconded, put, and carried

Mr Henry Clark Treas then made a statement of the financial affairs which appeared to be satisfactory, in substance, the church was out of debt, with a ballance in the treasury of \$119.03. Received and ordered to be filed. it was intimated that the Lecture room was too small to accomodate the sabbath school it was therefore suggested that there be a committee of three appointed, to ascertain the probable cost of enlarging the room sufficiently for all purposes for which it may be needed, The Chair to appoint that committee, which consists of the following Gentlemen, Mr Andrew Derrom Mr Socrates Tuttle and Mr Henry Mussy, said committee to be invested with power to call the congregation together when necessary to hear their report, on motion

adjourned

Jas D. Lockwood Sec

Paterson 29th November 1859

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church Paterson held this day in their lecture room after due notice given Mr Henry Williams was called to the chair, and J D. Lockwood appointed Secretary it was, on motion and duly ordered that Messrs Henry Mussy, Henry Williams and Abraham Gould be chosen trustees for the ensuing two years—  
on motion adjourned

J D. Lockwood

Secy

Thursday Evening Dec 1st 1859

Trustees, met at the house of J. D Lockwood, Main St present, a full board, Mr A. Derrom was called to the chair and J. D Lockwood appointed Sec On motion it was duly ordered that Mr. Henry Whitely be President of the board of trustees, Mr. J. D. Lockwood be Sec and Collector, Mr Henry Clark be Treasr and Mr Mathew Jackson be Sexton of the Church—these appointments all to continue for the term of one year from the 24th day of November 1859

on motion it was duly ordered that the line fence on the easterly side of the old Cemetry be repaired or made new, as the better Judgement of the Committee, President of the board may dictate, cost of new fence not to exceed twenty-five cents per foot—on motion it was duly ordered, that those Persons who have made new fence on said line be allowed the price per foot that the remaining new fence shall cost on said line—

on motion it was duly ordered that there be a new fence made along the front of said Cemety under the superintendence of the President price not to exceed thirty five Cents per foot—on motion it was duly ordered that all the fence belonging to the 1st Presbyter'n Society—be put in good condition under the superintendence of the President—on motion it was duly ordered that Messrs Williams and Derrom be a Committee to make arrangements for the Choir and report to the board as soon as convenient, Treas offered his report which was accepted & order'd to be filed, including Collections and disbursements from April 16th to November 29th 59 showing a ballance in hand of Treas of \$282.55

on motion it was duly ordered that the collector, have power to cancel all such back claims for pew rent as his better Judgement may dictate—ordered that Mr Henry Mussy be a Committee to procure funds for the purchase of a bell.

on motion adjourned

J D Lockwood

Sec

[A leaf is here cut out of the minute-book. The next page begins as follows :]

a chorister to be employed to meet the Children of the sabbath school at least once per week for practice and instruction and likewise to lead the singing at the tuesday evening lecture

on motion

adjourned

J. D Lockwood Sec



Paterson February 8th 1860

Trustees met at J. D. Lockwood Present, Messrs Henry Whitely--Henry Mussy, Henry Clark--Andrew Derrom, Henry Williams J D Lockwood. President in the Chair, minutes of last meeting where read and approved--Mr Henry Clark, reported that He had made an arrangement with Mr Field to take charge of the Singing, as, specified, in former Resolution untill the first day of May next at the rate of \$25.00 per year ordered, it be received, and placed on file--

A. Communication was received stating, that Mr Edward Clark had obtained, on a subscription book the Amount of one Thousand and Twenty five dollars. for the purchase and payment of a Bell, the weight to be about 3000 lbs whereupon it was unanimously Resolved, that Mr Edward Clark Mr D. Burnett, & Mr Henry Whitely be a Committee impower'd by us, to prepare and make ready the place, properly for its reception, and to the purchase of said Bell, and to attend to all matters appertaining thereonto. and also to solicit farther subscriptions for completion of alterations required, and when complete to report to the Trustees on the same--Having in view the enlargement of our Church Edifice and Lecture room it was Unanimously, Resolved, that Messrs Williams, and Derrom, be a committee to procure plans & specifications with the probable cost of such alterations, providing, the duties of said committee be attended with no expense on motion adjourned

J. D. Lockwood Sec

Aprl 9th 1860

Trustees & committee on Sabbath School met at Lockwoods main st Present Messrs Henry Clark Williams Derrom Gould Sandford Dalling & Lockwood Mr H. Clark was called to the chair minutes of last meeting where read & approved after a very animated discussion. it was duely order'd that Mr Field be engaged for the term of one year from the first day of may next to continue his duties as Chorister, as required in a former resolution under which head he was engaged. Resolved--that Miss Jane V. Saun. be retained & paid at the rate of forty dollars per year for her services as organist--Resolved, that the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church Paterson do hereby consent to an enlargement of the lecture room connected with said church, provided, that the building committee appointed for that purpose save & keep the said Trustees free from all cost & expense on account of said building\* it was unanimously Resolved--that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr Edward Clark for his voluntary--persevering--and successful efforts in obtaining funds by subscription for the purchase and erec-

\*This enlargement was in the form of a projection northward from the middle of the old building.



tion of a splendid bell in the tower of our Church Edifice

on motion Adjourned

J. D. Lockwood Sec

Wednesday evening July 18th 1860

Trustees met at J. D. Lockwoods main st, Present, full board minutes of last meeting where read and approved, on motion it was duly ordered, that all deeds hereafter given by the trustees of the first Presbyterian Church, to any person or persons for any lot in the burying ground or Cemetery of said Church shall contain a covenant, that the grant shall be subject to such regulation or by laws concerning said burying ground or lot as the said trustees have or shall adopt ordered that Messrs Whitely, Williams & Clark be a Committee to draft suitable by laws for that purpose—on motion it was duly ordered that Messrs Derrom & Mussy be a committee to make suitable arrangements with the different Sextons and undertakers for all burials which may hereafter take place in either of the Cemetrys connected with 1st Presbytn Church Resolution No 1, was offered by Mr Henry Williams, after some discussion it was moved it be laid on the table—whereuppon the yas & nas where called for, which where as follows—yas Messrs Whitely Mussy Clark Gould & Lockwood, nas Messrs Williams & Derrom—motion was carried by three majority

On motion it was duly ordered that a meeting of the congregation be called within 21 days from present date, to consider the propriety of erecting a new or repairing the old parsonage Resolved that there be a committee of three appointed to examine the Parsonage and prepare business to be presented to the congregation at said meeting committee to consist of Messrs Gould Mussy and Williams

on motion adjourned

J D. Lockwood

Sec

Paterson August 2 1860

At a meeting of the congregation of the first Presbyterian Society Paterson. held this day in their house of worship after due notice given Mr A. S. Pennington was called to the chair & J D. Lockwood appointed Secty. on motion it was duly ordered that the following resolution be adopted Resolved, as the sense of this meeting, that the board of trustees should without delay take the necessary steps to procure a new parsonage for the Pastor of this Church & if necessary mortgage the present parsonage property for that purpose and that it is inexpedient to spend money in repairing the present parsonage building\*—

adjourned

J. D. Lockwood

\*The old parsonage was a two-story frame building, very similar if not precisely like that now (1890) occupied by Dr. E. J. Marsh. It was removed to Fair street, north side, between Bridge and Paterson streets, where it still stands.

Monday Evening August 6th, 1860

Trustees met at Lockwood Main st Present full board President in the chair. Minutes of last meeting where read & approved. on motion it was duely ordered that Messrs Derrom & Williams be a Committee to prepare plans & specifications for a new parsonage, and to ascertain the Cost to complete it in full and to call a meeting of the board, when prepared to report

On motion adjourned

J D Lockwood

Paterson Friday Evening Augst 17 | 60

Trustees met at Lockwoods main st Present, full board. President in the Chair minutes of last meeting were read & approved. Resolved, that the board build a parsonage, on the lot, not to exceed five thousand dollars, & that there be four thousand dollars raised uppon bond & mortgage on the lot, & that the President be authorised to execute the same on the ~~part~~ of the board of trustees—Resolved, the board of trustees be a Committee to sell the old parsonage building at private sale for \$300, at any time previous to the 1st Sept reserving to themselves the Study the stone forming the celler walls & all gass & water pipes and fixtures, and if not so disposed of---to be advertised to be sold at public vendue on the premises on Monday 3d Sept 1860

on motion adjourned

J D Lockwood Sec

Thursday Evening Oct 18 | 60

Trustees met at Lockwoods main st Present, Henry Whitely Mussy, Clark, Gould, Williams & Lockwood. President in the chair, minutes of last meeting where read and approved. Resolved that the plan and specification produced by Messrs Derrom & Williams, a Committee, appointed at a previous meeting for that purpose be approved and adopted which Resolution was adopted

On motion

adjourned

J D Lockwood Sec

Friday Evening Oct 19th 1860

Trustees met at Lockwoods main St Present H. Whitely Mussy Clark Gould Williams & Lockwood. President in the Chair minutes of last meeting where read and approved Resolved that Resolution No 3 which reads as follows and offered by H. Williams be adopted.

The plans & specifications for the parsonage, prepared by Mr Graham architech of Trenton N. Jersey and presented by the committee for that purpose appointed having been approved & adopted it is Resolved, that

Andrew Derrom of the City of Paterson be employed to build, erect and complete the said house, and that he be paid for building, Erecting and Completing the same and finding and providing all the materials therefor by the first day of may 1861 in accordance with the same plans and specifications in all respects, except, where a departure therefrom is deemed by the trustees to be beneficial and direct the same, upon a reasonable deduction therefore, a sum, not to exceed five thousand dollars to be paid proportionably as the work progresses, which resolution was adopted, and signed in the following manner---

I accept the above

Paterson Oct 20th 1860

Andr Derrom

On motion adjourned

J D Lockwood Sec

Paterson 29th Nov 1860

At a meeting of the congregation of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson, held this day in their house of worship after due notice given, Mr Wm Dickey was called to the Chair. & J. D. Lockwood appointed Sec on motion it was duly ordered that Messrs Stephen Allen John Edwards, Socrates Tuttle, & J. D. Lockwood be appointed Trustees for the ensuing two years, on motion it was, Resolved that Mr John O. Smith, be Elected Trustee for one year from this date, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Henry Mussy

on motion

adjourned

J. D. Lockwood, Sec

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the house of J. D. Lockwood on Monday Evg Decr 3d 1860. Stephen Allen was appointed chairman Pro tem, & J D. Lockwood Secretary, at which time the following officers were duly chosen John Edwards President

J O Smith Secretary

J. D. Lockwood Collector

H A Williams Treasurer

Mathew Jackson Sexton

A motion being made & Seconded was carried that a comitte be appointed to examine the building now in erection for a parsonage & that Henry Clark, John Edwards, & Stephen Allen constitute the same who will from time to time report progress as may be necessary.

A Finance Committee of two persons were also chosen viz J. O Smith & Socrates Tuttle.

The Treasurer was instructed to deposit any funds which may come into his hands in the Passaic County Bank also the balance of funds which is to be recd from former Treasure (Mr Henry Clark) for building purposes may be allowed to remain on deposit where it now stands

Motion was offered to provide an Organist, Same deffered until another meeting.

Motion made & carried that the Board adjourn, to meet on Monday Evg next the 10th Inst at the House of the President.

#### Decr 10 Monday 1860

At a meeting of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church held at the House of the President. Present John Edwards Stephen Allen Abm Gould J. D. Lockwood H A Williams J. O. Smith, The Board unimously accepted the minutes of the last meeting

The Treasurer then reported he had received from former Treasurer (Henry Clark Esqr) the sum of \$1919.13 | 100 in cash and a note of Francis Laws for \$162.00 which he has deposited in Passaic County Bank.

A motion was made Seconded and resolved upon a proposition from Andrew Derrom Esqr he giving his note for \$1650, at 3 mos from 11th Inst payable at Passaic County Bank authorizing the Treasurer to pay a draft for \$1600 through the signature of Finance Comittee—

An order was also given upon a request from Sabbath School to procure a stove for their room & J D Lockwood authorized to do so.

Which has been done.

A motion was carried to make a Bond & Mortgage to John Lum for \$1000, Payable at the same rate and time in notes for \$400

{ Strike out last clause by order { of the board*	}	which was not carried into effect†
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Adjourned until call

#### Thursday Evg April 11

1861 Meeting of the Trustees at the house of the President, Present John Edwards H A Williams J D Lockwood Abm Gould Stephen Allen J O Smith.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Motion made & carried to appoint a committee to make rules & regulations for the Cemetry J D Lockwood & H A Williams were appointed & report at next meeting.

\*Interlined in pencil in the handwriting of John O. Smith, who took great liberties in pencil and red ink with this volume of minutes.

†Interlined by J. O. Smith.

Wm Cundells bill for 1860 amtg to \$85.52 was referred to Finance Committee to be audited and when the treasurer is in funds to pay it.

The Board approved of Treasurer having paid rent for the use of house now occupied as a parsonage\* & to continue to do so while he Revd Wm H Hornblower occupies the same.

Motion carried to grant J D Lockwood a transfer of his deed of lot situated on the hill in old Cemetry to the new ground He paying the difference in price in consequence of the hill gradually rolling down & it becoming useless as a place of interment

Resolved that the Board adjourn to meet at the house of H A Williams† Esqr on Thursday Evg of next week

J. O. Smith  
Sescty

Paterson April 18th 1861 Meeting of the Board at House of H A Williams, Stephen W Allen was called to the chair in the absence of the President when the minutes of the last meeting were read & approved,

The Committee on Cemetry offered their report, each article was voted upon separately and the whole accepted,

The following is a copy.

Rules and regulations for the control and management of the Cemeteries of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson,

First, That the said cemeteries shall be under the control and charge of the Sexton of this church, And that he shall have the charge control and possession of the Keys of the gates thereof subject to the order and direction of the Board of Trustees.

Second That no person other than the Sexton without his consent shall be allowed to dig graves in either cemetry nor enter therein for the purpose of burial, except upon the terms and conditions in the next following rule, but no grave shall be dug therein unless under the supervision of of the said sexton.

Third, That when it shall be desired that burials therein shall be under the charge of other sexton's or undertakers notice thereof shall be given to the sexton of this church, whereupon it shall be his duty to open and shut the gates to dig and close the graves or permit the same to be done under his immediate supervision and that the said sexton shall be allowed to charge collect and receive from such other Sextons undertakers or other persons for opening and shutting the gates of the Cemetry digging and closing the grave or supervising the same as the case may be Three dollars if the corpse be an adult and two dollars if it be a child.

Resolved that a certified copy of the

\*At No. 151 Broadway corner of Paterson Street.

†No. 17 Clark Street.



above be sent to the sexton and that one Hundred and fifty copies be printed for distribution

Resolved that Thos Seagers bill \$134.89 for painting done for church and Lecture room & other places be left in hands of Finance Committee, And an appeal to the Young mens Building Committee to aid if possible in funds for payment also E B King & Co bill amtg \$109.74 be referred as above

Resolved that John Edwards Socrates Tuttle & J O Smith be appointed a Committee to secure an organist & choir for the next year from 1st may to report at next meeting.

Resolved that old Committee wait upon Sexton in regard to modifying the present style of painting & C upon Hearse

Resolved That all habitual delinquents in Pew rent after one quarter from next letting of Pews be considered as surrendering them for reletting.

Resolved that the Board adjourn to meet at the house of J D Lockwood on next Thursday Evg

Sectry

Paterson april 25 1861 Board met at J D Lockwoods Esq No report from Music Committee Former committee still have it under treaty with Mr Field No report from Hearse Committee No other Business brought up—  
Resolved that the Board now adjourn Per Secretary

J O Smith

May 20 1861 Special meeting of the Board at the house of the president  
Last minutes read & approved No Report from Hearse Committee No do Music Committee but still in treaty with S B Field. Mr Gould was instructed to order Sexton to take down stove pipes in Lecture room & attend to Furnaces in church

Building Committee requested to call on A Derrom in regard to the immediate completion of the Parsonage.

Motion carried that a Bond of \$1000 be given to John Lum bearing date, and made payable at same time as previous bond at 7 per cent also that the President receive I Mercelius note for \$ & cash from said Lum sufficient to make up said amount

Resolved that we now adjourn

J. O. Smith

Sectry

Board met at the House of the President July 1861 minutes of the Previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion carried that the President should make out a Bond & Mortgage to J Lum for \$1000 payable as previously proposed.

Motion carried that proposal should be given out for Plumbing in the new Parsonage

Motion Carried that the meeting adjourn.

Monday Evg August 5th 1861

Board met at the office of H. A. Williams Esqr

Meeting called to order by Mr Gould president Pro Tem

The proposals for plumbing were read from E B King & Co & were accepted payable in six months estimates for water pipes range, basins waste pipes &C &C amtg to \$436.58—for Gas Service pipes outlets &C \$34.88

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\$526.46

Motion made & carried that the specifications of Messrs E B King & Co for the Plumbing Gas fitting &c of the Parsonage be received

Resolved that the building Committe be directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the Trustees with Mess E B King & Co for the plumbing of the parsonage pursuant to such specifications & for the price therein mentioned provided that the same be done by them on six months credit and completed with all reasonable dispatch.

Motion carried to adjourn

J O Smith

Sectry

Monday Evg August 14th 1861

Full Board met at the house of the president.

Previous minutes were accepted, Report of building committe on plumbing was reported, Having called on Mess E B King & Co they signed the contract requiring definite Knowledge in regard to the specified (above) payment, Resolved that a report of Resolution at previous meeting be sent Mess E B King & Co, empowering the building committe to enter into an agreement with said Firm to do the plumbing &C

Resolved that the Building committe have the gutter &C on the south side of the church examined & repaired,

Resolution (or amendment of Mr Tuttle) carred that a committe nominated by the President consisting of Mess Allen & Lockwood, to consult Counsel & to carry into effect the prosecution of such person or persons who cut down the fence of the old Cemetery, The Ayes and Nays being taken, the Ayes carrying the resolution,



H A Williams resolution that such transgressors be punished as heretofore stated in amendment of Mr Tuttle

Resolution carried that Mr Gould & Mr Tuttle confer with the other churches or their representatives to a uniform action in regard to the control of rules & regulations of other Cemeteries

Motion carried that the Board adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Wednesday Evg Sepr 26 1861

Trustees met a J D Lockwoods, Present full board except J O Smith The minutes of last meeting were not presented

The committe appointed to confer with the Trustees of other churches of the city owning cemeteries in relation to the terms upon which the undertakers of the city would be admitted to the cemeteries owned by them, respectively for the purposes of burying the dead, beg leave to report that they have had a meeting with committees from the Cross St M E Church and both of the Dutch churches of the city and that they have unanimously agreed upon the rates of charge, heretofore agreed upon by the board of Trustees Signed Abm Gould & S Tuttle committee

The Committe on Lawsuit reports progress & asks further instructions

Resolved that said Committe be authorized to instruct Danl Barkalow atty to proceed with prosecution immediately in such manner as his own judgement may dictate These instructions are in regard to suit against J Calvin (for trespass)

Resolved that a committee of two be appointed consisting of Edwards & Gould to investigate the condition of the furnace in church authorizing them to have said furnace properly repaired,

Resolved that the president examine the deeds of his own property and that of the Parsonage and should there be no restrictions to prevent, He be authorized to convert the well now on the line between said propertys into a cesspool for the mutual benefit of both propertys,

Resolved that a committee of one J D Lockwood be appointed to ascertain the expense incurred in repairing and cleaning church and advise a collection to be made in the church for the payment of the same.

Resolved that we now adjourn subject to the call of any member of the Board (signed)

J D Lockwood  
Secty Pro Tem

Octr 11th 1861 Board met at the House of the President present Edwards Gould Allen Smith & Williams, Minutes of last meeting were approved Report from furnace committee recd & continued, Furnace in a bad state, Mr Cundell has taken the supervision of it.

Mr Derrom has applied for money & asks for a note that he may go on & complete the parsonage. Mr Williams offered a resolution which was carried that the president would make out a note for \$700 in favor of A Derrom at 3 mos from 11th Octr 1861 made payable at the Bank of Jersey City. The above note was made out & signed by the President & Secretary & given to Mr Derrom

Mr Williams the Treasurer was requested to call on Mess E B King & Co & Thos Seager & give them such satisfaction as he could in regard to their accounts

Resolved that we now adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Thursday 28th Novr 1861 A meeting of the congregation was held in the church when David Burnett Esqr was appointed Chairman when an election for three Trustees took place Henry A Williams Esqr J. Y. Orchard & J O Smith were chosen to the offices for the following two years.

The Treasurer offered his report for the past year which was duly accepted

On motion made & seconded resolved the meeting adjourned

J O Smith Secty

A meeting of the new Board of Trustees met at the House of J D Lockwood meeting was organized when Stephen Allen was chosen president Pro Tem & J O Smith Secty ditto.

An election for officers was then made when John Edwards was unanimously elected President J O Smith Secretary Henry A Williams Treasurer J D Lockwood Collector & Mathew Jackson Sexton for the ensuing year motion made seconded & carried that Socrates Tuttle & J O Smith be a Finance Committe for the following year

Resolution was passed requiring a report from the above committe at next meeting of the board giving a statement of entire indebtedness on the Parsonage & all other liabilities of the church.

The Building committe also report progress of the parsonage at next meeting.

The Committe on Law also to make a report in writing at the next meeting in regard to the Suit which they were instructed to carry on against Josiah Calvin for trespass in Cemetry.

The Board authorized J D Lockwood to pay Westevelts bills for repairing ceilings & C in church

Resolution passed that the board do now adjourn to meet at the house of the President on Thursday evg of next week

J O Smith  
Secretary

Thursday 19th Dec 1861

The board of Trustees met at the house of the President, when all were present except S Tuttle Esqr The meeting be called to order The minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

The Committee on Finance offered their report, which after some revising was duly accepted & ordered to be filed

Statement of liabilities of the First Presbyterian Society viz

Building account Bonds & Notes	4000 —
Note at 3 ms to Derrom	700
Bill for plumbing in Parsonage	471.56
" of Garside & Beamont	55.00
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	\$5226.56
Due Derrom	600 00
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	\$5826.56

Church & Lecture room account	
T. Seagers bill for Painting	\$134.89
E B King & Co Gas Fixtures	109.74
E & H Clark (Sundries)	18 95
C D Vreeland (mason work)	40.41
Ryerson & Cummings	16.02
Bill for coal for church	35 00
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	\$355.01

Interest a   c	\$35.00
Rent Do	\$62 50
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Recapitulation :	
Building A   c	5826.56
Church & Lecture room	355.01
Interest a   c	35.00
Rent a   c	62 50
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	\$6279.07

(Assets)

Due from A Derrom on cash advanced	\$50—
" " F Law on note say	35
Cash on hand	100.
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	\$185.

Debts	\$6279.07
Assets	185 00
Difference	\$6094.07

A Resolution was offered by H A Williams Esqr Viz Whereas there is now due & shortly to become due obligations on the new parsonage & for the painting of the Lecture room & gas fixtures for the same some seventeen hundred dollars and whereas in view of the present depressed financial condition of the times. It is thought to be advisable to provide for the payment of the said sum by a temporary loan. Therefore resolved that the president of the board be and he is authorized to raised by loan to be secured by bond & Mortgage on said parsonage property the sum of \$1500 payable in one year at 7 per cent and that he the said president is hereby duly authorized to execute the same on the part of the board. J O Smith offered an amendment to the resolution by increasing the amount to be raised to \$2000, or say 500 more than Mr Williams resolution called for The ayes & noes on the amendment being called for ayes John Edwards J O Smith Stephen Allen J Y Orchard naves J D Lockwood H A Williams carried by a majority of the ayes. Vote was then taken on the resolution with the amendment when the ayes were in the majority The whole was then accepted & ordered to be put on book of minutes.

A Committe were then chosen of Messrs Stephen Allen & H A Williams to borrow the sum of \$2000 if possible & report at next meeting. The committee on prosecution offered their report which was duly accepted & reads as follows

To the president & board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian church Gentlemen

We the undersigned being a Committee appointed by the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson of which we form a part for the purposes of prosecuting the several undertakers of this city. viz Messrs Calvin Ensign & Hindle for damages sustained by us, by their sawing down our fence and unlawfully entering the cemetry of said Society do hereby respectfully report that we have consulted with and secured the services of Mr Danl Barkalow attorney to conduct the suit which we instituted against said parties befor Peregrine Sandford Esq which suit resulted in Our favour Having obtained a verdict against said parties for six cents with cos's of suit. We would further state that the defendants in said suit have appealed the same to higher court, and the committe would now ask from this honorable body further instructions. Signed Stephen Allen  
J D Lockwood

Motion made seconded & carried that the Board adjourn Sine Die

J O Smith }  
Secty }

Paterson Monday Evg Decr 3d 1861

Full Board of Trustees met at the office of H A Williams Esqr Minutes of last meeting were read and Accepted A motion was made & carried that the resolution was adopted at last meeting of the Board to borrow Two thousand dollars on the Parsonage Property was recinded.

A motion was made & carried to appoint a committe consisting of Three persons appointed by the President & the Committee to have power (to increase the number & if necessary outside the Board of Trustees) to raise funds towards the debts of the Parsonage, Church & C, S Tuttle. H A Williams & J O Smith were appointed,

Motion made & carried that the Board now adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Feby 13, 1862 Board met at the office of H A Williams Esqr. [absent] S Tuttle Esq The meeting being called to order the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion resolved Whereas the note heretofore given by this Board to Andrew Derrom for \$700 will become due tomorrow the 14th Inst at one of the Jersey City Banks, And whereas there is not Sufficient money now in the Treasury to pay the same, Therefore resolved that John Edwards and H A Williams members of this Board be and they are hereby authorized to raise said sum by loan or otherwise to pay the said note, and that the said sum so raised and paid by said Edwards & Williams be paid to them out of the first money received by the Board by subscription or otherwise

Resolved that we now adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson March 3d 1862 Board met at office H A Williams Esqr Orchard & Tuttle absent.

On motion being made & seconded Resolved that the Building Committee be ordered to examine the work done on and at the new parsonage & report at the next meeting of the Board whether it is completed according to the specifications and Contract.

The Building Committee were ordered to have the Fence in front of new parsonage painted white,

Motion made seconded & carried that a note be given to Vreeland at 4 months for \$40 41 amt of his a | ct. also a bill for repairs to roof of church & lecture room due John P Hess for \$14 50 to be paid

Resolution passed ordering the Treasurer to pay the Interest due John Lum on Bond & Mortgages now due say \$140 00

On motion Resolved that the Board do now adjourn

J O Smith Secty

Paterson April 7th 1862 Full Board met at the House of the President. After the meeting being called to order the minutes of last meeting were read and approved of.

The minutes of 13th Feby were ordered to be written up.

The building Committe in pursuance of an order made at last meeting of the board directing them to examine the parsonage and ascertain and report whether the builder had in all things complied with his contract present the following report to wit.

The parsonage Building Committee would respectfully submit the following report to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society That by your request we have inspected the Building and the work & material used for its completion and are satisfied that it is finished so far as we could see, as near to the plans & specifications as possible. No extra work has been allowed to be done by the building Committe And that the Contractor has fulfilled his contract with the Trustees, unless the Trustees consider the contractor bound to have the Three marble mantel pieces that are specified in contract to cost One Hundred & fifty Dollars for we believe the ones used and put in cost about one hundred dollars.

The specification requires a centre piece in Four places, they have been left out on condition that the cost of them should be allowed to the Trustees & deducted from the contract. The closets in the second story were to have Four Drawers under the Shelves of each closet, instead of the drawers Extra Shelves & strips have been substituted. The Sheave put in the sliding doors is not the quality that the specifications require they call for Brass wheel Shreave but Iron wheel ones have been used

The Contractor was allowed to put up the cellar walls in Cement, as he considered it better than Lime & Sand mortar at the Season in which it was done, He was allowed to use Brick for the facing the cellar walls that showed out of the Ground This part of the wall was to be stone, The stones to be squared & put in the style of Ruble work as this alteration was a saving to the Builder it would balance the Extra Expense of his using cement on the walls. All of which is submitted.

April 1st 1862 | Signed

{ H Clark  
John Edwards  
Stephen Allen

to which report objection was made, and on motion of Henry A Williams was referred back to the committe for correction. Motion made & carried that the Report of the late Treasurer which was handed in at the annual meeting be examined by the Finance Committe & reported at the next meeting

On motion Resolved that we do now adjourn to meet on Wednesday Evg at House of Presidt

J O Smith  
Secty



Wednesday Evg April 9th 1862.

Agreeable to resolution at last meeting the Board met at the House of the President all the members present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved also minutes of meeting of 3d March were read & accepted.

On motion of S Tuttle seconded & carried that the new report of the building committee in regard to the Parsonage be received & entered on the book of minutes

(Report)

To the Board of Trustees.

The building committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society to ascertain and report whether the contractor Mr A Derrom the builder of the parsonage had in all things complied with his contract for the same, Beg to report to this board that they have inspected said building and the work and materials thereof and used in its construction and that so far as they could ascertain from such inspection that the materials and workmanship comply with plans & specifications except as to the following respects that the plans & specifications call for the marble mantels to cost \$150. and that these placed there did not in the opinion of this committee cost about \$100. And in this that specifications call for centre pieces in four places but they have been left out upon agreement that the cost thereof should be allowed on the contract & deducted from the price to be paid. And that the closets in second story, were to have four drawers under the shelves in each closet but instead of drawers extra shelves and strips have been substituted And in this that the quality of the sheaves in the sliding doors does not correspond with that required in specifications being Iron instead of brass. The contractor was permitted to lay the cellar walls with cement instead of Lime & Sand mortar because at the season in which the walls were built it was considered to be preferable and he was allowed to use brick for the faces of walls above the ground & below water table instead of stone squared & put up in the style of Ruble work and that the change was in the opinion of the committee a saving to the contractor equal to the use of cement instead of lime & Sand mortar and this committee further report that by the contract entered into between this Board and Contractor, the building was to have been completed by the 1st May 1861 and that there has been nothing done on the part of the building committee to relieve the contractor in respect to time & completion of the work. And that



the same was not done until the latter part of March 1862 all of which is respectfully submitted

Paterson  
April 9th 1862 }

Signed { Henry Clark  
John Edwards  
Stephen Allen

Building  
Committee

On motion of S Tuttle It was carried that A Derrom be allowed \$75 as claimed in his bill for 3 feet of addition to building. Also by same mover that the charge for cement & book case be not allowed  
Motion of S Tuttle that Andrew Derrom be charged with the centre pieces & also the difference in cost of marble mantel between those put in building & the ones called for in the contract

On motion of H A Williams that the remainder of bill be allowed,

On motion resolved that upon settlement with Mr Derrom for building Parsonage that he allow to the Board as damages consequent upon the non completion of the building at the time in that behalf in the contract for the same mentioned \$125 dollars

On motion resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to confer with and endeavour to obtain a settlement with Mr Derrom for building Parsonage upon the basis of the foregoing resolutions. & report to this Board at as early a day as possible & and if such settlement cannot be accomplished, Then to ascertain & report the most favorable terms upon which such settlement can be expected.

The President then appointed the following persons to fill this committee Viz H A Williams John Y Orchard & James Lockwood.  
Motion Resolved that the Board adjourn

J O Smith  
Sectry

# Minutes of the Board of Trustee

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Paterson Tuesday evening April 15th 1862 Trustees met at the office of Henry A Williams Esqr Present full Board

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Report of special committee was read & approved, ordered to be put on the book of minutes viz Report of Special Committee appointed to confer with Mr Derrom in view of settlement with him for parsonage

This committee beg to report that pursuant to their appointment they met with Mr Derrom at the office of H A Williams, That they stated to Mr Derrom the views of the Board in reference to a settlement with him. As expressed by the resolutions passed at a general meeting of the Board held the 2 Inst When Mr Derrom expressed his entire dissent from any settlement on such terms, claiming that his bills presented for building, and for enlarging the building, and for book case and cement for cellar walls were fairly and honestly due to him and that he would not consent to any allowance therefrom. But at the same time stated that he would have no quarrel with the Board. And that he would sign any receipt or release that the board saw proper to present for that purpose; But in doing so he said he would consider that it would be an injury and a wrong to him, if any deductions should be made. The Board then desired him to present some proposition or terms upon which he would be willing to settle, which he declined to do, again repeating in substance what he had before expressed.

The committee therefore report that they were not able to make any arrangement with Mr Derrom, all which is submitted

Signed H A Williams  
Jas D Lockwood  
Jno. Y. Orchard

April 11 1862

On motion of S. Tuttle Esqr Resolved that the Board allow A Derrom in addition to the contract for said building the following sums to wit

For enlargement of building	\$75 00
" Repairs to fence	18.65
" Bricks	13.00
" 3 Bbbs Lime	2 70
" Plaster	44

For Sand & Cartage	1.50
“ 12 Hours work	2 16
“ 30 lbs Paint	3 90

Making	\$117.35
Amount of contract	5000 00

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Sum Total \$5117.35

And that there be deducted therefrom as damages for not completion of the house at time specified	\$125
Difference on Mantels	20
For not putting on Four Centre pieces	20

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Making \$165.00

Which leaves a balance on Contract and additions \$4952.35 deduct payments \$4450. leaves a balance \$502.35 which sum is ordered to be paid to him

Resolved that the board borrow Five hundred dollars for one year

Resolved, That we now adjourn

J O Smith  
Secretary.

Thursday Evg April 24 1862

Board of Trustee met at the office of H A Williams Present John Edwards Stephen Allen J D Lockwood & H A Williams

J D Lockwood was appointed Secy pro tem. The book of minutes not being at hand in consequence of the absence of the Secretary.

On motion Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to wait on Mr Derrom and inform him that the board will accept the order drawn by him on the board to the order of Richard Wessels for Five hundred dollars on account of Parsonage building if said Derrom will upon the payment of the balance due to him upon parsonage contract as ascertained by the board at its last meeting, receipt the said contract in full, and if the said Mr Derrom accedes to the same Then the said Treasurer is duly authorized to accept and pay said order

On motion Resolved to adjourn

J D Lockwood  
Secretary Pro Tem.

Paterson May 6 1862

Full Board met at the office of H A Williams Esqr

Minutes of last two meetings were read and approved

Resolved that a committee be appointed to make a final settlement with A Derrom Esqr

Resolved that the above committee consist of three viz The Treasurer Stephen Allen & S. Tuttle

Resolved that upon settlement with Mr Derrom The Treasurer be authorized to accept & pay the order heretofore presented by A Derrom, and thereupon the President be authorized to sign a note for \$500 the amt of said order to Richard Wessels payable in one year

On motion Resolved that E B King & Cos bill be refered to Finance Committee & if correct that the President be authorized to sign a note for amount at 6 months or longer

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to engage Mr Field as chorister for another year upon the same terms as usual

Resolved that we now adjourn

J. O. Smith Secretary

Paterson July 18 1862

Trustees met at the office of H A Williams. Present full board, minutes of meeting of May 6 were read & accepted

The committee appointed to settle with A Derrom report that they have made such settlement in full with him in respect to the Parsonage and that receipts in full have been duly signed by him.

Report accepted & committee discharged.

The following resolution was presented and adopted.

Whereas there are several claims due from the Trustees of First Presbyterian Society and it being necessary to borrow money to pay such claims. Therefore resolved that the Treasurer ascertain the amts of such accounts outstanding, and when so ascertained that the President be authorized to execute a note in favour of John Edwards for the amount thereof payable in one year at seven per cent and that with the money so raised the Treasurer pay said claims

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith Secty

Paterson Sept 8 1862

Board met at the House of the President Present John Edwards H A Williams J D Lockwood J Y Orchard Stephen Allen & John O Smith

Minutes of meeting July 18 were read and accepted

Resolved that the special Report of the treasurer be entered upon the book of minutes. viz

(Report)

Pursuant to the direction of a resolution passed at a meeting July 1862 I



beg to report that I have ascertained the amount of the claims against the church to be as follows--

Balance due A Derrom on Parsonage	\$147 35
E B King & Cos Bill	381.40
John Lums Interest	105 00
Thos Seagers Bill (Lecture Room)	144 27
Van Houten for rent of House Occupied by Revd	
W H Hornblower	125.00
Interest on borrowed money	1.76
Total	<hr/> \$904.78

And that the President execute a note for the above amount to John Edwards Esq at one year at 7 Per cent per annum with which the above sums were paid in full and receipts given.

H A Williams

Treasurer

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the president to ascertain how much the several pew Holders of our church are willing to pay quarterly to meet the interest accruing upon funded debt, and towards liquidating the same debt.

The President appointed Messrs Williams Lockwood & Smith said committee

Resolved we adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Nov 27 1862

Meeting of the congregation was held in the church pursuant to call, for the Election of Trustees to fill vacancies. When Mr Abm Gould was appointed chairman After nominations being made the following persons were duly chosen to fill the vacancies viz James D Lockwood Socrates Tuttle, Henry Clark & Henry Butler for the next two years.

Resolution Passed empowering the board of Trustees to fill vacancies in cases of resignation.

The Treasurers report was read & accepted & ordered to be filed.

Resolution was passed to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Dec 11 1862 Board

of Trustees met at the office of H A Williams Esqr Present Henry Clark James E Lockwood Henry Butler John Y Orchard H A Williams & John O Smith when an election for officers was held

Henry Clark Esqr was elected President H A Williams Treasurer James D Lockwood Collector John O Smith Secretary & Mathew Jackson Sexton

Motion carried that Henry Butler & J. Y. Orchard be auditors for the ensuing year & that the treasures report for the last year be put into their hands for examination

Motion made and resolved that the board adjourn

J O Smith

Secretary

Paterson May 7th, 1863

Full Board met at the office of the Treasurer (H A Williams Esqr)

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Motion made seconded and resolved that a committee of three persons in the board be appointed to ascertain & report whether a volunteer choir can be obtained & also upon what terms an organist can be engaged. The president named the following Persons viz J O Smith Henry Butler & J Y Orchard to serve on this Committee

Resolved that the board adjourn for one week to meet at that time Thursday Evg May 14th 1863

J O Smith

Secty

Did not meet at  
that time.

Paterson N J.

Thursday Nov 26 1863

At a meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson held in their House of Worship immediately after Divine Services for the purpose of Electing three Trustees Mr David Burnett was called to the Chair and J D Lockwood appointed Secy

On motion it was unanimously resolved that Mr H A Williams John O Smith and John Y Orchard be duly elected trustees, to fill said vacancy for the ensuing two years.

On motion resolved to adjourn

J D Lockwood

Secty

Paterson Monday Evg Decr 22 1863

Trustees met at the office of H A Williams Esqr. Present Henry Clark J D Lockwood H A Williams S Tuttle J Y Orchard & John O Smith An Election of officers for the ensuing year was then held when the following persons were chosen Viz

Henry Clark	President
J O Smith	Secretary
H A Williams	Treasurer
J D Lockwood	Collector
Mathew Jackson	Sexton

A committee was appointed to make enquires & report on procuring a choir for the church Williams Smith were made that Committee

Resolution was passed desiring the Treasurer to call for bills from A Derrom which he may consider due him by the church

Resolved to adjourn "sine die"

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Monday 27 Decr 1863

Trustees met at the office of H A Williams Present Henry Clark J Y Orchard H A Williams J D Lockwood & J O Smith

On motion of J D Lockwood That Charles E Atherton be engaged for one year from Jan'y 1st, 1864 at a Salary of Three Hundred dollars per annum He to furnish a suitable organist and choir for the first Presbyterian Society to consist of at least four persons of which he shall be one And also to lead the singing on Sundays in the Sabbath School

Motion made by H A Williams that the Secty hand Mr Atherton a copy of the foregoing resolution & engage him on the aforesaid terms

Motion made at the previous meeting of the Board that the Finance Committee of the previous year be continued viz J Y Orchard Henry L. Butler & S Tuttle

Finance Committee reported upon examination of Treasurs annual reports which were duly accepted by the Board

Motion made to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson March 31st 1864

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at Treasures office Present Henry Clark J D Lockwood S Tuttle John O Smith & H A Williams

Minutes of last meeting were approved

Treasurer reported on A Derroms bills which were handed over to the President & J D Lockwood for examination

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Sept 21st, 1864

Board of Trustees met at the Treasures office Present Henry Clark J D Lockwood J Y Orchard H A Williams & John O Smith Minutes of last meeting being read were accepted

The Committee appointed at last meeting reported after examination of A Derroms bills that the one rendered by him for sundry repairs to church, Fences & Lecture Room was correct & the Board ordered it to be paid. The other bill was reported adversely too & not in any way acknowledged as being a responsibility assumed at this or any other time by the Trustees of the church Motion made & resolved that we adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Thursday 24 Nov

1864

Meeting of congregation held after services for the purpose of electing Four Trustees to fill vacancies for term of next two years Mr H Clark was appointed Chairman

After nominations were made the following persons were chosen Henry Clark J D Lockwood Socrates Tuttle & John S Barkalow

Report of Treasurer was presented & after being read was duly accepted

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Monday 28 Nov 1864

Meeting of Trustees to appoint officers in the New Board when Mr Henry Clark was reappointed President John O Smith Secty H A Williams Treasurer James D Lockwood Collector & Mathew Jackson Sexton

Resolution Passed to raise the prices of lots in Cemetery to Eighty dollars for one square & Twenty dollars each for one fourth part of same

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Meeting of Board Trustees on Tuesday Evg April 4 1865 Present Henry Clark H A Williams S Tuttle J D Lockwood J S Barkalow, Secretary being absent J S Barkalow was appointed Secty Pro Tem

Moved that the Sextons Salary be raised to One Hundred & fifty dollars to take effect from Feby 1st 1865 Carried

Moved at the Sense of this meeting that the Salary of Our Pastor Revd Wm H Hornblower be raised to Twenty five Hundred dollars from May 1st, 1865

Moved to amend to Two Thousand amendment accepted by mover of original motion, when it was carred as amended!

Motion made & carred that the Secretary cause notice to be given to the Pew Owners of the Church of a meeting to be held on the 13th Inst in the Lecture Room, to consider the propriety of reassesing the pews

Motion made & carred that the assesment contemplated be Three per cent additional to the present rates upon the valuation of the pews to take effect from First of May next

Moved to adjourn Carried

J S Barkalow

Secy Pro Tem

J. O. Smith

Paterson April 13 1865 According to notice a meeting of the Pew Owners (Two thirds of whom were present or by proxy represented) took place on Thursday afternoon at 4 O Clock P M (this day) when being organized John Edwards was appointed chairman & John O Smith Secretary, It was moved & carred that an advance of three Per Cent be added to the present rates now being on the rental of pews,

It was also recommended that the Congregation be called together for the purpose of informing them of above said advance which was to take effect from 1st Proximo

Moved & carred to adjourn

John O Smith

Secretary

At meeting of pew holders of First Presbyterian Church of Paterson Tuesday Evg April 25 1865 Mr Henry Clark was appointed Chairman & John S Barkalow Secretary The Chairman stated at length the object of the meeting when the following resolution was offered & adopted

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the church at a late meeting took into consideration the subject of Our Pastors Salary, Resolved that it should be increased to correspond in some measure to the additional cost of living from Fifteen Hundred to Two Thousand Dollars per annum And that the assessment on all the Pews be increased three per cent on their Valuation in addition to the present assessment to provide for the above

Resolved that the preamble and resolution of the Board of Trustees be approved.

On motion the meeting adjourned

J S Barkalow Secty

Pro Tem

Paterson Octr 24 1865 at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held Henry Clark H A Williams Socrates Tuttle James D Lockwood John O Smith were present

When a letter from Mr C E Atherton was read & ordered to be filed, viz

Paterson Octr 19 1865

(Copy)

Hon Board of Trustees of the

First Presbyterian Church Gents

I have the pleasure to report that in view of the dilapidated condition of Our Organ & their being to my mind a favourable prospect of obtaining a new one. That I have succeeded in raising thus far Two Thousand dollars in cash subscriptions for that Object, Therefore I would suggest that you empower a committee of one of your body together with myself to sell the old organ and apply the proceeds with what I have raised & may further raise to the purchase of a new organ I would be pleased to have a committee appointed with power to add advisory members thereto to select & purchase a new organ at once I propose in giving the order for the Organ to pay as is the rule One thousand dollars down & the ballance I will collect & pay over to Treasurer of Board of Trustees to be held by him and appropriated to the purchase of the Organ The Checks to be drawn to my order You will understand however that the payment of the money will depend entirely upon whatever bargain may be agreed upon with the manufacturer of which your body will be duly apprised

(Signed) Obdt Yours Chas E Atherton

Resolved that a committee be appointed in connection with Mr Atherton to sell the Organ now in use in our Church & apply the funds recd for same towards the purchase of a new organ provided no debt be incurred in its purchase in which The Board of Trustees shall be in any way held responsible, Mr Orchard & Henry Clark were appointed on that Committee

A Committee was also appointed to raise by subscription a sufficient amount to defray the debt of the Church, H A Williams & J O Smith were appointed

On motion Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Decr 7 1865

After Services this A M The Congregation after being called to order appointed Mr Henry Clark Chairman & John M Gould Secty. The Election for Three Trustees to fill vacancies then took place, when The following persons were reelected H A Williams John Y Orchard & John O Smith to serve for the Term of Two years ensuing



The new Board of Trustees to have their first meeting on Monday Evg  
next 11th Inst at 8 OClock at the office of H A Williams Esqr  
Resolved to adjourn

John M Gould  
Secty  
per J O S

Paterson Dec 11 1865

Board of Trustees met according to call when the following persons were  
elected to fill the offices for the coming year

Henry Clark President  
John O Smith Secretary  
H A Williams Treasurer  
Jas D Lockwood Collector  
Mathew Jackson Sexton

The report of Treasure was read & received and referred to the Finance  
Comittee for examination The minutes of the two former meetings were  
read and approved

Motion made & resolved to adjourn sine day

John O Smith  
Secty

Report on file

Paterson March 26 1866

Meeting of Trustees took place at office of H A Williams Esqr when the  
Subject of a new Furnace was discussed, A Committee of three were ap-  
pointed to procure one & make such alterations in chimney as were neces-  
sary, J O Smith J D Lockwood & Mathew Jackson were appointed, The  
Furnace has been provided & all arrangements executed to complete the  
whole matter, & promises now say Octr 10th 1866 to be a success & the  
bills for same all paid\*

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Octr 24th 1866

Trustees meeting at the place of business of J Y Orchard Esq Present H  
Clark H A Williams J S Barkalow J Y Orchard & J O Smith, A report  
was read from Mr Atherton in regard to the New Organ now ready to be  
put into the church, & also calling attention to the necessity of removing  
the old instrument & C, The report was approved & the Committe consist-  
ing of C E Atherton, H Clark & J Y Orchard were continued & still em-  
powered to take action in all such necessary arrangements

\*[Note, in handwriting of J. O. Smith.] J. O. Smith collected the money for this New  
Furnace & also for the vestibule over front doors.

Permission was asked by Mr Atherton that a Concert might be given in the church at the completion of the new organ in aid of funds towards the payments on same, when said request was unanimously acceded too,

J O Smith Secty

A Resolution was offered by H A Williams Esqr and accepted That Mr Stevenson who is now occupying a portion of our Lecture Room for a daily School be notified that the Trustees of the First Presbyterian church do not intend to make any charge for use of said room now temporarily occupied by him for his School, but desire that he will not occupy it any longer than is absolutely necessary Ayes Clark, Williams, Orchard, Barkalow,

J Y Orchard

Note

Secrty Pro Tem

Organ Concert was given on Nov 13 1866 largely attended at \$1 (G. W. Morgan N. Y. organist) per ticket & a success !

Paterson Nov 29 1866

A meeting of the Congregation was held immediately after Services when David Burnett Esqr was called to the chair & J O Smith appointed Secty An election for four Trustees was then held to fill these vacancies.

After nominations had been made, the following persons were duly re-elected ; Henry Clark J S Barkalow James D Lockwood & S. Tuttle

On motion the meeting then adjourned

J O Smith Secty

Paterson Jany 15, 1867

At a meeting of Board Trustees after being called to order the following Persons being nominated were duly chosen to the following Offices

Henry Clark President

J O Smith Secretary

H A Williams Treasurer

J D Lockwood Collector

Jeremiah Pye Sexton \$150

Mathew Jackson former Sexton having resigned on November 1st was accepted

A Resolution was passed appointing the President S Tuttle & H A Williams a committee to examine into the affairs of the Cemeteries and prepare a proper deed for the Sale of lots in Said cemeteries & procure a book and chart for its purposes

The Treasures report for the year ending 1866 was received & H Clark J D Lockwood & J O Smith be appointed a finance Committee to examine same &C.

A resolution was carried guaranteeing One Hundred & Twenty five dollars for the purpose of procuring a Library for the Sabbath School con-

nected with our church & reccomend a collection taken up in the Church to aid in the Same

H A Williams offered a resolution that the Revd P E Stevenson be requested to vacate the room now used by him in the Lecture Room by the 1st Feby eyes & nays being called was lost Williams ayes Lockwood nay Orchard nay J O Smith nay

Mr Lockwood moved that the time shall be 1st March Amended by H Clark to 1st May when eyes & nays being called it was carried to 1st May Williams nay Lockwood aye Smith aye Clark aye ordering Secretary to notify Mr Stevenson to vacate on said time

Notice to William Robinson that his services as blower would be dispensed with on 20th Inst.

A Resolution was offered by Williams & passed That Wm L Butler\* has at his own expense erected a study on the parsonage lot to be used by the Pastor Therefore resolved That permission is hereby granted, That the said Butler at his request be allowed to remove the Same off, said lot should he desire to do so upon obtaining the consent of the present Pastor for that purpose, And should that Consent not be obtained then it shall be removed if at all within six months after the same shall be given up as a study†

Board adjourned sine die

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Feby 19 1867

A meeting of the Board of Trustees having been called by the President for the purpose of inspecting the present condition of the west side of the burying ground known as the "Old Presbyterian Burying Ground" and the Board having visited said ground & inspected the same & having found it in a condition which requires immediate action adjourned until Wednesday Evg 20 Inst a 7-30 & take advice on the subject—

Resolved that a plain Board fence be erected along the westerly line of of the old Cemetery belonging to the First Presbyterian Society.

Motion made by Mr Barkalow that the President make all due enquiries to find out the line of survey for this same cemetery

A motion was also made & carried to have a division fence running between the new Cemetery & adjoining Cemeteries

Motion by Tuttle that all the fences surrounding the Cemetery & the Stone Walls be put in repair

A Committee of two were appointed by the president to have the necessary repairs made & fences built & J O Smith & J. Y. Orchard were that committee

\*William A. Butler.

†The building remains. (1890.)

Motion made by Tuttle & carred that the requisite steps be taken for advancing the rents of pews in our church & that an application be made to the Owners of Pews for their Consent that an advance of Four per Cent be added to the rental on the valuation of pews

Board adjourn until the 6th day of March to meet at same place & hour

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson April 1st

1867—

Meeting of Board Trustees at office of H A Williams Esq Present Clark Tuttle Williams Orchard Lockwood & Smith Minutes of two former meetings read

Committee on new deed & Chart reported progress, Motion passed that Mr H Clark the President have a duplicate chart made out for the New Cemetery & registered in the office of County Clerk

Committee on Fences reported

Committee on Survey of Line of Cemetery reported,

Letter from Mr Atherton received enclosing bill & receipt to the church paid in full of \$3200 for the new organ which was handed over to the President

A Vote of Thanks was passed by this Board & a request that the Secretary make Known to Mr Atherton by letter their expression of same for his energy & enterprize in obtaining this new and valuable instrument & co-operating with him most heartily in getting up a concert & offering the use of church for same

A Resolution of H A Williams was passed to raise the Salary of Our Pastor Revd Wm H Hornblower to \$3000

Motion made & passed that Mr Athertons Salary as chorister including organist & choir Should be raised to \$700

Motion reconsidered on Pastors salary & placed at \$2500 also reconsideration of Mr Athertons salary & it being put at \$500 per Annum

Resolved to Adjourn

J O Smith

Secretary

April 3d 1867 Meeting of Pew Owners

No business being transacted except adjourning the meeting until the 10 Inst to give time for a written statement to be prepared to be offered for consideration at that time.

• Paterson April 16 1867

A Notice having been read out from the Pulpit calling a meeting of the Owners & Occupants of Pews in the Church by order of the Board of Trustees to take place on Wednesday evening April 16th 1867 at which

time Mr David Burnett was elected Chairman & J O Smith Secretary The object of the meeting being stated, Mr S Tuttle offered a resolution of a reassessment which was carried

Motion made and carried by Mr Clark that an advance of four per cent should be added to present rates Mr Williams amendment of 8 per Cent was lost Mr Tuttle's proposition of 12 per cent was lost A new resolution was offered fixing the amount of reassessment at 9 per Cent to present rates which was carried by 19 voting in favour, and 7 against

Motion made by H A Williams which was carried, making the Salary of Our Pastor Twenty five Hundred dollars from May 1st next.

Motion made & carried that the Salaries of the Chorister & Sexton be left to the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees

Motion offered & Seconded to Sell pews in the church to aid in erecting galleries in Same

Motion made to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secretary

10 April an adjourned meeting of Pew Owners was held at which time a proposition was made & carried that the Trustees be requested to call a meeting of the Owners & Occupants of pews to be held on Evg April 16 to consider the question of making an additional reassessment notice to be given from Pulpit

Moved to adjourn

J O Smith Secty

At the Annual meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson held on Nov 28 1867 David Burnett was appointed chairman and John S Barkalow Secty pro Tem Three vacancies existing in the Board the following gentlemen were chosen to fill them H A Williams John Y Orchard & John O Smith. The Treasurer made a statement in regard to the finances of the church and on motion the Board adjourned

(Signed) John S Barkalow

Secty Pro Tem

Paterson Decr 16 1867

Meeting of the Trustees at the office of S Tuttle Esqr When the following officers were elected (to fill vacancies) from 28 Novr past

Henry Clark President  
H A Williams Treasurer  
J O Smith Secty  
J D Lockwood Collector  
Jeremiah Pye Sexton

Tresures report was accepted & filed, The president was empowered to

attend to all necessary repairs to Church property, also to oppose the widening of Union Street,

A letter of resignation from Mr Atherton was read & laid upon the table  
A Committe of two were appointed Viz J O Smith & J Y Orchard to wait upon him and make such arrangements as would continue his services as conductor and Chorister of Our Church Music

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith Secty

Meeting of Trustees called for Jany 30 at S Tuttle Esqr a Quorum not being present no business was transacted

J O Smith Secty

Paterson March 19 1868

Minutes of Decr 16 approved

Report of Committe to call upon Mr Atherton finding his term of services would not expire until 1st May next. He consented to continue until said time,

Mr James D Lockwood tendered his resignation as collector was accepted with regret by this Board, President a committe to examine the collectors accts and report to new collector

After nominations for a new collector having been made Viz Wm Ray J Y Orchard & Jeremiah Pye upon ballot Mr Orchard was by the Board unanimously elected,

Resolved that we adjourn to meet at the office of S Tuttle on Thursday Evg March 26th at 7½ OClock

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson March 26 1868

Trustees met according to the call at previous meeting, Present the President Mr H Clark S Tuttle Esqr J Y Orchard & J O Smith after being organized approved of minutes of previous meeting,

Report of the President on examination of accounts of Collector were read

Report of Mr Tuttle on Insurance He not having yet been able to see the Agent of the Companies he desired too, could not give the desired information

Board adjourned

J O Smith Secty

Paterson April 1st 1868

At a Special Call of the president the Board of Trustees met at office of H A Williams Esqr Object of the meeting having been Stated The president was authorized to give a note at 60 days for \$700 to raise money to



make provision to meet the Quarterly Amount of Salary due the Pastor on this day also to meet other demands now due & pressing—

The minutes of meetings of March 26 were accepted, Report of the President in regard to Insurance was received stating that a policies had been renewed in the Old Companies for three years at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Per Cent

Resolution was passed Ordering the Collector to have bill heads printed & a notice inserted that all accounts for Pew rent not paid after being presented in thirty days, the pew will be considered vacant and subject to the will of the Board of Trustees.

Motion to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson May 6, 1868

Board of Trustees met at office of S Tuttle Esq After organization the minutes of last meeting were read and received A Committee were appointed to devise ways and means to pay off the debt of the church Messrs Clark, Williams and John Edwards were nominated as such, A resolution was passed to the effect that the Services of Mr Atherton be no longer required & Mr Clark was authorized to notify him to this effect Mr J O Smith was appointed a committee to procure a substitute The above resolution was voted upon, the ayes carrying the vote

Meeting Adjourned

J O Smith Secty

Paterson May 8, 1868

A Special meeting of the Board was held at office of S Tuttle Esqr The Board reconsidered the resolution of last meeting in regard to the non appointment of Mr Atherton as Conductor After due Consideration it was proposed to reengage offer & allow Mr A Four Hundred & fifty dollars to furnish the music for the church including a blower for the Organ with the Exception of Miss M Ackerman who was to be paid for her services at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum to be paid her by the Treasurer of the Church—

Meeting adjourned

Minutes of May 6 approved

Paterson May 12 1868

Board of Trustees were called to meet of the office of S Tuttle Esqr at 8 OClock P M Present H Clark Esqr President S Tuttle Esqr J Y Orchard & John O Smith Minutes of previous meeting were not read but the two resolutions involving the re engagement of Mr Atherton as Conductor of music in the church and of Miss Ackerman were reconsidered, After let-

ters from each of these persons were read the resolutions aforesaid were laid upon the table and their declinations were received

The Board then passed a resolution to engage Mr Atherton at the rate of Six Hundred & fifty dollars per Annum He procuring and engaging all the singers and Organist necessary for proper rendering of the music in the church, also a Blower for the Organ, and at the Commencement of the fourth Quarter of above said term (One year) from 1st May ultimo and if the Treasurer of the church be placed in sufficient funds for the purpose, Mr Atherton be paid One hundred dollars additional making in all for the year terminating May 1st 1869 Seven Hundred & fifty dollars per Annum for such services:

A Resolution was offered and passed by this meeting after a diligent and impartial examination of the subscription list & bills & receipts for the new Organ (or rather the manufacturers of the Organ bill & acknowledgements of same, that Mr Atherton was in reality short in his amounts of subscription towards paying for the new Organ, although he having himself actually borrowed the money deficient and paid the builders & satisfying their demands, That this Board do now order and cause to be handed to Mr Atherton the following resolution offered by Mr Tuttle & written out by him & passed by the Board Viz—Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of the City of Paterson that we have examined the accounts of Mr Charles E Atherton of the cost of and payments on Our New Organ and have compared them with the Statement of the manufacturers of the instrument and we find that there is due to him on account of Cash advanced by him, for its purchase and expenses incurred in putting the same up The sum of Six hundred and fifty Eight dollars and nineteen Cents—and we respectfully recommend that the members of our Congregation subscribe liberally to raise and pay to him that Sum holding as we do that the claim is an equitable one upon the Congregation Dated May 12 1868—

Motion That the Board meet again on 1st Monday in June prox  
Board adjourned

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Nov 26 1868

Meeting of the Congregation held after Service this morning for the purpose of Electing four Trustees to fill vacancies Mr Burnett chosen chairman & Mr F C Van Dyk Secretary The following persons were nominated and chosen Messrs Henry Clark Edward Clark James Angus & Benjamin Salter

Notice having been sent to the Same of their election, Mr Edward Clark sent in his resignation also James Angus

F C Van Dyk

Signed

Secty

Paterson

June 8 1868

Trustees met at office of S Tuttle Minutes of meeting of the 6th May were approved

Report of collector was received in regard to rents received due on 1st of May and up to that time which were very satisfactory

The president was authorized to sign a note of whatever amount which may be necessary to meet current expenses coming due

The Secretary was requested to call on Mr Atherton and get his understanding in regard to his terms of engagement as conductor of music in the church

Board resolved to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Sept 7 1868

Meeting of Board Trustees at the office of J S Barkalow Esq when the following resolution was adopted It appearing from a report made by the Treasurer that a deficiency existed in the purse of the Church which will be increased by obligations shortly to become due That the president is hereby authorized to give a note for the Sum of Seven Hundred dollars to meet such deficiency

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Jany 4 1869

Meeting of the Board according to call was held at office of H A Williams after being called to order Henry Clark was chosen chairman and J O Smith Secty

Minutes of meeting of the Congregation were (called for) which took place on Thanksgiving day 26 Nov 1868 ordered to be procured

An election for officers was then held when Mr Henry Clark was unanimously elected President J O Smith Secretary

Mr H A Williams was nominated for Treasurer which was laid upon the table

Mr J Y Orchard was elected Collector

A Committee of two persons was then made Viz Benjamin Salter & J O Smith to wait upon Mr Pye and ascertain his propositions to fill the position as Sexton and also to express to him the services which would be required of him in such position

Resolved to adjourn, Calling a meeting at same place on Monday Evg 11th Inst at 7½ Oclock

J O Smith  
Secretary

Mr Van Dyk called upon to fill place E Clark resigned, accepts most probably\*

J O S

Paterson  
Jany 11 1869

Board of Trustees meeting at office of H A Williams, according to adjournment of Jany 4th Present Messrs Henry Clark H A Williams & John O Smith. No quorum present, the meeting adjourned to Jany 13th at 7½ Oclock at same place

J O Smith Secty

Paterson Jany 13 1869

At a meeting of the Board according to adjournment at office of H A Williams Esqr Present Mr Henry Clark Benjamin Salter J O Smith & John. Y. Orchard, Minutes of the meetings of Jany 4th & 11th were read and adopted

Report of Committee on Sexton was heard, Whereupon a resolution empowering the Same committe was passed to engage Mr Pye as Sexton of Our church at a Salary of Three Hundred dollars per annum to commence on Feby 1st Proximo and that he be required to keep the church and its galleries clean, Keep an oversight & Care of the grounds in general & in their repair at all times, calling on President in regard to any direction necessary in same. Keeping Side walks clear of Snow & any other obstructions & C & C. Also any duties belonging to his occupation all of which will be well attended too,

A Resolution was offered by Mr Williams That a committee Consisting of Mr Salter Mr Smith & the president be appointed to inform Mr Atherton that his Services will not be required after Feby 1st Prox. amended by Mr Orchard that the time be changed until after May 1st Prox, after the amendment and resolution were voted upon, The amendment was carried. Resolution requiring Secretary to obtain a certified copy of minutes of the meeting of the congregation held on 26th Nov last for Election of Trustees.

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\*Pencil note at foot of page.

Resolved that there be an assesment of ten Per Cent additional on the valuation of the Pews in the First Presbyterian church to take effect on the first day of May next & that the President and Secretary be a committee to cause proper notice thereof to be given before the Same 1st day of May, and that the Same Committee be directed to wait on the Owners of pews in Said Church & to obtain their consent to the Said additional assessment on their pews

Meeting adjourned until Febry 8th

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson 8 March 1869

Meeting of the Board Trustees at office of H A Williams, Present Henry Clark President B Salter H A Williams John Y Orchard & John O Smith  
Minutes of meeting of Jany 13th 1869 were read and approved.

Report of the annual meeting of the Congregation of 26 Novr 1868 were approved.

Motion of H A Williams that the communications from Revd Wm McNulty & Dr Hornblower in regard to renting the Sabbath School room be filed.

Motion made Seconded & Passed directing the President to decline renting the S S Room to Father McNulty and to inform him of the Same

Committee consisting of B Salter & John O Smith were appointed to make suitable arrangements for music in the church for the ensuing year Commencing May 1st Proximo.

Resolution passed adjourning this meeting for two weeks from this Evg to meet at Same place at 8 o'clock

J O Smith  
Secty

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Resolution passed before adjournment that Mr Pyes Salary as Sexton be \$300.00 per annum commencing at Nov 1st 1868 last or for one year from time engaged

Paterson March 23 1869

8 oclock P M

Meeting of the board Trustees held according to adjournment at the office of H A Williams. Present Mr Henry Clark B Salter H A Williams J Y Orchard & J O Smith Secty Minutes of meeting 8th Inst read & approved Communications from Father McNulty & C E Atherton ordered to be filed,

Motion made & carried that a statement of the deficiency in current expenses of the church be Stated in condensed form from the Pulpit,

Motion carried that the President be authorized to borrow \$1200 for one year at 7 per cent giving promisory note of the church for same.

Resolved that a special notice be given to delinquents that if the arrearages due on their pew rents are not paid on or before the first of May proximo that their pews will put up for rent.

Resolved that an assessment of 8 per cent changed to 8 per cent on present rates on and after 1st May ensuing

Resolved to adjourn until April 5th Proximo at same place & hour

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson April 12th 1869

Meeting of Board Trustees at office of H A Williams Esqr, minutes of March 23d approved, meeting appointed for April 5th did not take place.

Report of Music Committee was heard & received.

Motion approved that the president be authorized to renew a note for \$800.00 now maturing at the First National Bank

Motion made & approved that the paper received from E A Wetmore one of the Executors of Estate of Mary C Devereaux deceased, be received and executed with seal of the church, and copied on the book of minutes\*

(Copy of Same)

Whereas Mrs Mary C Devereaux late of Utica N. Y did by her last will and testament dated & executed the 12 day of August 1866 make a bequest in the words following. "In compliance with a promise long since made to my mother, I give to the Trustees of the first Presbyterian church or Society in the town of Paterson Passaic county New Jersey the Sum of One thousand dollars to be held by them in perpetuity, and the interest and income thereof to be applied by the Said Trustees, in their discretion, towards the education of young men for the Presbyterian ministry, Said sum to be paid to Said Trustees by my Executors as soon as convenient after my death"

Now the Trustees of the First Presbyterian church or Society in the Said City of Paterson incorporated under the corporate name of The First Presbyterian Society do acknowledge to have this day received from Edmund A Wetmore One of the Executors of the Said will of the said Mary C Devereaux the said sum of One thousand dollars upon the Conditions, and for the Sole purpose mentioned in Said bequest. In witness whereof we

\*The meaning is, that the receipt given by the Church, under the corporate seal, to Mr. Wetmore, be entered on the minutes.



have caused the name of our Society to be hereto subscribed and our corporate seal hereto affixed, this                      day of April 1869      Signed

Henry Clark  
President

Of Board of Trustees

Motion made & approved that that the President & Treasurer invest the amount received from the Executors of the late M C Devereaux\* to the best of their judgement

Motion carried to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson May 10 1869

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, minutes of April 12 were read and approved

A note from A B Woodruff Atty was read calling the attention of the Board to a claim purposed to be held against the church by Henry Cole from C E Atherton

The president was directed to write Mr Woodruff that this Board of Trustees do not recognize any claim Mr Atherton has or may make & that they are not indebted to him for or on account of anything

Motion to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson July 16 1869

Board of Trustees met at office of H A Williams Esqr

Minutes of meeting of May 10th after being given in purport orally by Secty were unanimously approved,

Treasurer reported want of money Viz a note of Eight hundred dollars being now due in the Bank, also over drafts on him of three hundred dollars

Board authorized the President to make a new note of such an amount & time as was necessary

Adjournment

J. O. Smith

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\*Mary Rice Devereaux, daughter of Peter and Sarah Lyman Colt, was born at Hartford, Conn., June 12, 1788; she was married in Paterson to John Devereaux, of Utica, New York, January 14, 1815, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Du Bois, Roman Catholic Bishop of Western New York, her husband being of that faith. Twenty years after her marriage and removal to Utica, she became a Catholic, and so remained till her death. She died at Utica, N. Y., August 7, 1868. Her funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. William McNulty, Priest of St. John Baptist's Church, Paterson. The funeral was attended by a vast concourse of people, to whom she had endeared herself by her amiable qualities, her munificent charities and her earnest Christian character. See "History of the Catholic Church in Paterson, N. J.," by Charles A. Shriner, 2d ed., 1890, pp. 98-99.

Paterson 8th Octr 1869

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at J Y Orchards After its being called to order members present H A Williams Benjmn Salter J Y Orchard & John O Smith

A Resolution was passed directing the President of the Board to sign a note at Six months dated from 11th Inst for Six hundred dollars

A Committee was appointed of two persons to negotiate a loan of two thousand dollars, H. A. Williams & Benjamin Salter were Said committee

Next meeting of the Board appointed to take place on Monday 18th inst

Motion made & carred to adjourn

J O Smith Secty

Paterson 18th Octr 1869

Board of Trustees met according to call present Mr Henry Clark H A Williams J Y Orchard & John O Smith

Minutes of meeting of 8th Octr read & approved

The president reported having signed the note for \$600 ordered at previous meeting and received to money for that amount

Committee on loan for two thousand dollars reported as yet not having obtained it,

Motion made & carred to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Novr 18th 1869

At a meeting of the Congregation David Burnett Esqr was appointed Chairman & John O Smith Secty

An Election for five Trustees was then held. Mr Henry A Williams having declined a nomination Mr Chas Keeler J Y Orchard & John O Smith were elected Trustees of this church for the two next years ensueing, Also at the same time Mr F C Van Dyk & Dr R J Whitely were elected to fill the two vacancies now in the board as trustees for one year

Motion to adjourn was made and carried

J O Smith Secty

Paterson Novr 19th 1869

Board of Trustees met at the Place of business of F C Van Dyks

Minutes of meeting Novr 18th read & approved also minutes of 18th Octr read & approved

Committee on loan reported no progress

Mr Henry Clark reelected President

Mr F C Van Dyk elected Treasurer

John O Smith Secretary

J Y Orchard Collector

Jeremiah Pye Sexton

Motion carried to take as a temporary loan Four hundred dollars or a necessary amount from the One thousand dollar legacy received from the late Mary C. Deveraux to be used as part amount in paying a note now due at First National Bank

Mr Van Dyk and Mr Salter were appointed an auditing committee to receive and over look the books and accts received from H A Williams Esq late Treasurer of the board Trustees

Mr Chas Keeler and Mr Henry Clark were appointed a committee to procure Subscriptions for a new fence to be made around the Church, And also to pay floating debt

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Jany 17th 1870

Meeting of the board of Trustees at F. C. Van Dyks all the members present

Minutes of meeting of Nov 19th approved

Resolution of Mr Salter carried Viz That Mr Orchard be requested to return to the Treasurer at about the close of each quarter the amount received from each pew renting to that date, also resolved that the Treasurer be requested to take charge and report seperately the amount of Sunday collections

Resolved that the Salary of the Sexton be as last year Viz Three hundred dollars

Resolved that the per centage to be allowed the Collector for his services from first Feby proximo will be three per cent

Resolved that the Committee on receiving proposals and contracting for a new fence to be built around the church will be Mr Henry Clark Chas Keeler and F. C. Van Dyk

Resolved to adjourn

J. O. Smith  
Secty

Paterson April 11 1870

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion was made & carried that we present to the Misses Orchard\* for their services in the choir for the year past ending on May 1st Proximo the sum of two hundred dollars, Also that we pay Miss Evans for like services the amount expended by her for instruction in Singing

Resolution carried that Mr Cooper be engaged as Organist from the first April for thirteen months at the rate of Two hundred and fifty dollars per Annum, Mr Cooper paying the blower of the Organ

Motion made & carried that Mr J O Smith be a committee on music to provide Singers for the choir for the next year and report to the board at next meeting terms of Same.

Resolved that the board confirm the action of the Treasurer in paying the amount of Mr John G Athertons Salary up to 1st May Prox to his mother, for the purpose of defraying his funeral expenses, also including the sum of five dollars and fifty cents,

Resolved, that the board hold a Stated meeting on the Monday evening of the last week in each Quarter

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson 25th April 1870

Board of Trustees met at Mr F. C Van Dyks store according to regular appointment.

Minutes of meeting of Apl 11th read and approved.

Report of Collector Showing amount of deficiency on rents of pews up to 1st Feby as Six hundred & twenty one 82-100 dollars. About One hundred and fifty dollars considered doubtful. date of this report 25th April. Mr Coopers acceptance as Organist received and accepted.

The Committee on Music is allowed the Sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of paying a Soprano & alto Singer for the choir for the year coming commencing 1st May

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty.

Paterson July 12th 1870

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees held at F C Van Dyks store Present Mr Henry Clark F. C. Van Dyk B Salter & J O Smith Meeting being called to order, A report was made by the president of the board Viz

\* Miss Lizzie Orchard, soprano, and Miss Carrie Orchard, alto, daughters of Mr. John Y. Orchard.

That a Suit had been caused against the First Presbyterian Society for a claim of C E Athertons which this body totally disclaim, And did now request our president to retain Henry A Williams Esqr to defend this Suit A motion to the above effect was made and carried.

A Resolution was also passed that the Treasurer adress a note to the Collector requesting him to pay over whatever funds are in his which may have accrued from Pew Rents every two weeks

Motion carred to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Novr 24th 1870

A meeting of the congregation was held to elect four Trustees to fil vacancies Henry A Williams was appointed Chairman & Chas Keeler Secretary, Minutes of last meeting were read and approved, Nominations made for trustees as follows Messrs Ramage Benjamin Salter F. C Van Dyk Henry Clark all of whom were duly elected as trustees for two years.

The Treasures report was read and accepted

Motion was made and carried to adjourn

(Signed) Chas Keeler Secty

Paterson 28 Novr 1870

A meeting of board of trustees was held at F C Van Dyks Store An election of officers for the ensueing year was held Viz

Mr Henry Clark President

John O Smith Secretary

Francis C Van Dyk Treasurer

Jeremiah Pye Collector & Sexton

Mr John Y Orchards report as former collector received per Mr Salter & read

A resolution was made & passed that Mr Pyes Salary as Collector for one year be at One Hundred dollars. The office of Same at Mr F. C. Van Dyks Store

Mr Pyes Salary as Sexton was also fixed at the price of three hundred dollars per annum

Mr Pye was also allowed by this board three per cent on delinquents for three months and five per Cent on Six & twelve months as special collector The minutes of the congregation were read & ordered to be filed as has been done,

A Resolution was made Seconded & passed, asking the former collector to hand over all the books papers and monies in his hands up to the present time

A Resolution was passed allowing the Treasurer to sign & issue a note  
Signed by the President to pay a note for if necessary

A resolution was passed that the name and office of new collector be announced from the Pulpit

Resolved to adjourn

John O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson April 24 1871

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at Mr F C Van Dyks Store, Being called to order Minutes of 28 Novr 1870 were read and approved.

Resolution made Seconded and passed that Mr Pye be ordered to attend to repairs of church, and & fences and cleaning the grounds & C

A Resolution offered by Mr Salter to to have the church painted, Lost, Treasures report of delinquents was read,

A demand from Mr John Lum was made upon the Trustees for the payment of monies due him upon mortgage Which was left open for consideration and action.

A motion was made Seconded & passed that Seven hundred dollars be appropriated for paying the full expenses of music in church for ensuing year, And that Mr J O Smith has full control of Same and the expenditure of Same to the best of his ability and judgement.

Resolved that the bills for Pew rents be placed in the Pews as formerly.  
Resolved to adjourn

J. O. Smith Secty

Paterson June 5th 1871

Meeting of the Board called, At F C. Van Dyks Store. Present Henry Clark John Ramage F. C. Van Dyk and J O Smith, Resolved that Mr Van Dyk be directed to use such measures As in his judgement the case requires, To pay Mr John Lum the principal and interest due him In regard to a Bond and Mortgage held by said Lum on Parsonage property. Mr Van Dyk having the matter in such Shape to be enabled to pay him if necessary. Mr Lum does not require his money until the first of October

J. O. Smith

Paterson July 27 1871

Meeting of the Board Trustees at Mr Van Dyks Store

Minutes of meetings Apl 24 and 5 June were read and approved.

Resolved That as a Board we are not Satisfied with the large amount of Pew Rents in arrears and hereby direct our Collector Mr Pye to make repeated calls on the delinquents and report the Success of the Same in per-



son at our next meeting. Which is hereby ordered to take place on Sept 11. Proximo.

Resolved. That the President of this Board be authorized to collect the amount of the interest now due and hereafter to become due on the Registered Bond of the United States for \$1000.00 Given to us by Mrs Devereaux

Resolved That we now adjourn

J O Smith

Paterson Sept 18 1871

Board of Trustees met at F C Van Dyks Store Minutes of meeting July 27 adopted omitting the first two resolutions\*

J O Smith appointed a committee to get from Mr Wm Pennington a list of improvements on parsonage and prices of Same as proposed by Mr Wm A Butler.

Resolved to adjourn until Monday of next week 25 Inst to meet at the Lecture room of the church at 4 O'clock P M

J O Smith

Secty.

Paterson Sept 25 1871

Meeting of Trustees as per call ordered at last meeting on 18 Inst

Minutes of 18 read and approved

Resolution passed that Messrs J O Smith & F C Van Dyk to get from Wm Pennington Esqr to get items of Parsonage improvements

Resolution of Mr Salter passed Viz That proposals for the purchase of the church Parsonage be requested through the public press. And that the tender or bids be received up to at which time the bids shall be publically opened. And that the Trustees shall decide whether it is for the interest of the church to accept the same or not.

Resolved that from a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the present parsonage. A new one shall be purchased,

Resolved, That Messrs J O. Smith and F. C. Van Dyk be a committee to see the proper parties and ascertain whether in case the Trustees decide to sell the church parsonage if all Legal difficulties will be removed by them and invest a portion only in the purchase of a new One and use the balance in paying off the debt, And the remainder of the funds invested as the trustees may decide for the best interest of the church

Resolved to adjourn. Pursuant to the call of the Committee Viz J O Smith and F. C. Van Dyk

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith Secty

\* These two resolutions name nine delinquent pew renters. The resolutions are erased in the minute-book, and hence are omitted in print.

Paterson Octr 8 1871

Board met per Call of Committee at meeting as ordered Sept 25 1871  
Report of said committee J O Smith & F C Van Dyk Shewing items of bills  
&C for work upon Study from Wm Pennington Esqr as paid by Wm A  
Butler (Said filed.)

Resolution Passed. That the Trustees of the church give Mr Wm A Butler  
a mortgage of Two thousand dollars for purchase from him of the building  
Known as the Study on Parsonage lot And improvements on the parsonage,  
On condition that the Same mortgage be at once assigned to Mrs  
M Hornblower for her benefit\*

No action taken on Sale of Parsonage

Rosolved to adjourn

J. O. Smith

Paterson Nov 27 1871

Board met

Resolution passed approving the minutes of Octr 8

Resolution passed, That the mortgage named in minutes of the meeting  
of the 8 Octr, To be made to Mr Wm A Butler for the benefit of Mrs M  
Hornblower To run for ten years, The interest to be paid annually, with the  
privilege of paying off said mortgage at any time during Said term. No-  
tice thereof being given thirty days in advance.

Resolution passed that Messrs J O Smith and F. C. Van Dyk be in-  
structed to obtain from Wm Pennington Esqr (In writing) His legal  
opinion, of the right of Trustees in selling the Parsonage property, and  
uses of proceeds thereof.

Minutes of the meeting of the 25 Nov approved. Resolutions therein  
passed are laid over, Subject to ascertaining the legal right of the Trustees  
to make the Sale of Parsonage property.

Resolution made and Seconded to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty

Paterson Decr 13 1871

At a meeting of the congregation according to call given on thursday 30  
day of Nov Hiram Hathaway was called to the chair and J O Smith ap-  
pointed Secretary. The following persons were chosen trustees to fill va-

\* Mr. William A. Butler, brother of Mrs. Hornblower, lived in the parsonage and built  
the study in the yard for the greater comfort of his brother-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Horn-  
blower, the pastor of the church.

cancies, For the next two years Messrs John Bently John O Smith and Wm Moore

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith Secty  
For First Presbyterian  
Society

Tuesday Evening.  
Paterson 19 Decr 1871

At a full meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the office of J O Smith No 165 Market St An election for officers was made. For President Mr Henry Clark. Secretary J. O. Smith. Treasurer F. C. Van Dyk Jeremiah Pye Collector and Sexton Salary for both appointments Four hundred dollars per annum

Report of Treasurer for the year ending at this date was read and accepted  
Resolved to adjourn

J. O. Smith  
Secretary

Paterson April 24 1872

Board of Trustees held a meeting in the Lecture room at 9 o'clock P M Present H Clark B Salter John Ramage. F C Van Dyk John Moore & John O Smith

A Committee on music was appointed to supply an organist & choir for the church for ensuing year. Messrs J O Smith B Salter & John Ramage were chosen such

Amended That J O Smith has entire charge of making said appointments and will be paid Eight Hundred dolls in four Quarterly payments to meet the Salaries of the members of the choir.

Resolved that this Board tender Mr J O Smith their hearty thanks for his interest taken in the music of the church for times past

Mr F C Van Dyk was instructed to draw up a note & have it properly signed and use it if necessary to meet indebtedness of the church, In anticipation of receipts from income of the church.

Mr Van Dyk is also instructed to inquire into the expense of lighting the church anew Say by Reflectors.

Motion made to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson May 27 1872

At the call of Mr John Bentley the Trustees met at the church to take

into consideration the proposition of lighting the building with new Gas Fixtures adequate for the purpose

Mr Van Dyk being a committee on this subject reported favourably in having it done by Reflectors, Mr Eugene Beggs offering to do the job satisfactorily to the Board

Mr Salter offered a proposition to have the church outside Repaired Painted and otherwise put in good order.

Mr Ramage offered a resolution in addition to the outside necessary work done, To have the inside of the Building Cleaned, newly carpeted and the back of the Pews covered with a Suitable material and uniform Color.

A Committee was then chosen to make all necessary arrangements to have the whole work done Consisting of Mr John Bently Mr F C Van Dyk & Mr John Ramage, to report at an early day

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith

Paterson June 24 1872

Meeting of the Trustees at Mr F C Van Dyks Store.

Resolution passed empowering the committee on repairs to proceed at once with the Outside work upon the church.

Reports were heard from those having Subscription lists in Charge and for contributions

Minutes of meeting of May 27 were approved

Resolved to adjourn

Paterson July 16 1872

Meeting of the Board of Trustees according to call at the Store of Mr F C Van Dyk.

Report of the committee on Repairs was received. Viz Ten (10) bids were given for the Outside Painting of the church and Lecture Room.

The Contract for Same was given to Mr Henry I Blauvelt at the price he proposed say Five hundred and Eighty (580 00) dollars

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith Secty

Paterson July 23d 1872

Board of Trustees in Compliance with call met at F C Van Dyks Store Present Henry Clark John Bently John Ramage F. C. Van Dyk and John O Smith.

The names of the members of the congregation were classified and divided among the Several Solicitors for Subscriptions, The footings of the Lists already brought in amount to Twenty five Hundred (\$2500.) dollars

Motion of J O Smith carried, that the Committee on repairs go on with *all* the work proposed outside and inside of the church edifice and Lecture room, with full power to make such contracts as are necessary for the completion of same.

Resolved to adjourn.

J O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson Octr 22d 1872

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at F. C. Van Dyks Store Present full Board

Minutes of meeting July 23d 1872 were read and approved

Report from the Committee on repairs was heard, That the whole expenditure on the church and Lecture room was \$4903.91-100 [amount now subscribed 4276.75 and from Cushions alone \$235—]\*

Resolved That the price of the cushions be attached to each bill for Quarterly Pew rent due Nov 1st Prox to those persons who have not already paid

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson Novr 28 1872

The annual meeting of the Congregation of the First Pres Society was held in the church immediately after Service

Mr Henry Clark was chosen chairman and Wm Nelson Secretary

The chairman stated the object of the meeting was, to elect four Trustees to succeed Benjamin Salter Henry Clark John Ramage and Francis. C. Van Dyk whose terms expired to day.

Mr H A Williams moved that the four named be re-elected, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr Van Dyk from the committee on repairs stated that the Painters represented that they had lost about 700 dollars on their contracts and though they did not claim it Yet they would like to be reimbursed for their actual losses

Mr Williams moved that a Committee on repairs &C be continued and empowered to Solicit Subscriptions for the payment of the extra amount of work according to the claim of the contractors

Mr Tuttle moved as an amendment that the matter be referred to the Board of Trustees with power.

\*The words in brackets are in pencil in the minute-book.

Mr Williams accepted the amendment which was thereupon unanimously agreed to There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Wm Nelson  
Secretary\*

Paterson Tuesday Evg Decr 3 1872

Meeting of the Trustees, When an election of officers was held. After being called to order by Mr Henry Clark, nominations were made Viz Mr Clark as President of the Board who was unanimously *elected*, Mr J O Smith *ditto* as Secretary Mr F C Van Dyk *ditto* as Treasurer and Mr J Pye *ditto* as collector of Pew rents and Sexton of the church. Salary of Pye as usual 400 dolls per annum.

A resolution was read and made by Mr Salter, that the thanks of this Board are tendered to Messrs Bently Van Dyk and Ramage for their faithful Services rendered in overseeing the repairs of the church and for the very creditable manner and economy in which the work was done. This resolution was heartily concurred in and ordered to be placed on book of minutes

Resolution was passed that the Bible Class room attached to the Lecture room be put in order, for the use of any missionary association of the church, or for other meetings connected with the church, and that Messrs Ramage & Van Dyk be a committee with power to attend to the Same. and any necessary repairs or cleaning to be done to the Lecture room.

Resolved that the Interest accumulated of the legacy left by Mrs M C Devereaux, be applied to the Board of Education & added to the next collection for that purpose which shall be taken up in the church.

A Communication was Sent in by the Fire & Water Committee of the Board of Alderman of this city, asking the concurrence of the Board of Trustees in reference to attaching an electrical alarm to the Bell of our church, &C† Mr Bently Mr Ramage and Mr Moore were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of Same and report to the Trustees their investigations

Resolved to adjourn Subject to the call of the Secretary

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson April 3d 1873

Upon call of the Secretary a meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening Present Mess John Ramage Henry Clark F. C. Van Dyk and J O Smith

\*These minutes are in the handwriting of John O. Smith, Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

†This was for the introduction of the Gamewell fire alarm system.

Minutes of meeting Decr 3d were read and approved

Resolved that in consequence of the injuries Sustained by the Severe Storms and frosts of the past winter upon the Side walls Cornices and Gutters of the church, that it is necessary to have the Same altered and repaired at once, therefore a committee be appointed to attend to Same

Messrs John Bently J Ramage and Henry Clark were nominated and elected to fill Said committee and empowered to have said repairs done.

Resolved to meet again on Tuesday Evg next 8th inst notice of Same to be given to each member of the Trustees by the Secretary

J O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson April 8th 1873

Meeting of Trustees. A full Board being Present Viz Henry Clark. Wm Moore John Ramage. John Bently. F. C Van Dyk Benjamin Salter and J O Smith

Minutes of meeting 3d April were read and approved.

Motion being made. It was resolved to call on the Pew Owners, and if the consent of two third thereof be obtained, to advance the rents of the Pews in our church.

A committee of one was appointed to call on above said Pew Owners and get their written consent to an advance of Twenty per cent (20) on present assessment of Pew rents. John O Smith was given said appointment, and requested to report on Saturday Evg next at our meeting which is now called for that date 12th inst

Resolved That J O Smith be a committee to engage an Organist and choir for the church and that we appropriate Eight Hundred & ninety dolls (\$890) to meet the expenses of Same for the ensuing year commencing on May 1st Proximo.

Resolved to now adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson 12 April 1873

Meeting of Trustees according to call at last meeting. Present Henry Clark John Ramage William Moore Benjamin Salter F. C. Van Dyk and John O Smith

Minutes of meeting 8th inst were read and approved.

Report of J. O Smith was received Stating the consent of two thirds of the Owners of Pews in the church had been obtained in writing to an advancement of twenty (20) per cent on the present rentals



It is therefore now resolved. Whereas the consent of two thirds of the Pew owners in our church has been obtained in writing, to an increase of 20 per cent on the present rates paid. That we add the same per centage on all the Pews in the church, and in making the aforesaid advance, fractional parts of a dollar shall be avoided. This advance to take effect on 1st May Proximo. It is also resolved, that the Pew rents be due and hereafter paid Quarterly, in advance. In consideration of the necessity of meeting present and prospective expenses.

Resolved that the usual notice be given by the Secretary to be read from the pulpit of the church that the Pews will be rented from May 1st Proximo, and attendance by the Trustees given on that Day in the church from 3 to 5 O'clock in the afternoon.

Resolved that the preamble and resolutions be Sent to the Pastor to be read from the pulpit for the three Succeeding Sabbaths.

Mr John Ramage and Mr F. C. Van Dyk were appointed a committee to make a revision of rates on the rent of Pews.

Resolved that the insurance on the Parsonage hereafter be Six thousand dollars, also that the insurance on the church be increased to Sixteen thousand dollars and that the insurance on the Lecture room be increased from One thousand dollars to Two thousand five hundred dollars

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secretary

Meeting of the Trustees of the Church held at the house of B Salter July 1st 1873 present H Clark John Bently F. C. Van Dyk & B Salter

On motion B Salter was elected Secretary pro tem.

Committee on church repairs made their report that

	4970 54 had been collected
and	4935 15 Paid out

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\$ 35.39 leaving a balance

which was paid into the church Treasury.

Report was read & committee discharged with thanks for their attention to the work & C. Lecture Room Repairs & improvements Committee reports that \$619.67 had been Spent. the report was received and the Committee discharged.

Report of committee on roof, cornice & C made who reported that the nett cost of those repairs was \$388 07 report was received and committee discharged.

Report of Treasr of church Bal Nov 23   72	593.79
Received to Jany 31st 1873 on acc Pew rents	634.08
Pew rents to May 1	1005.21
" " May 1st to July on old acc	1365.67
" " " " " Aug in advance	1075.96
Penny collections from Novr 24th to July 1	448.20
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	5212.89

Expenses		
Salary. Sexton choir	3275.93	
& incidental to July 1 incl		
Viz the Pastors Salary to July 1		
Lecture room Exp	619.67	
Roof expenses	383 07	4278.67
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		\$934.22
Add bal for church repairs.		35.39

Resolved that in the judgement of this meeting that it is our duty to advance the Pastors Salary at the earliest practicable moment carried

Resolved that the evening collection be dispensed with

Resolved that Mess Ramage & Van Dyk be a committee to ascertain as to the probable cost of heating the Lecture Room & other Suggested improvements

On motion adjourned

B Salter  
Secty pro tem

Paterson August 12th 1873

Meeting Board Trustees. Present Messrs Wm Moore John Ramage John Bently Henry Clark F C Van Dyk & J O Smith

Minutes of meeting July 1st were read and accepted

Report of Committee on heating apparatus for Lecture room, through Mr Ramage was offered, and laid on the table for future action

Committee appointed consisting of John O Smith and Wm Moore to have the church Furnace & pipes put in good order, also the Stoves in Lecture Room.

Resolved that Mess Bently & Ramage be a committee to have the Parsonage and roof put in thorough repair, also any other work done, which is necessary about the Premises.

Resolved that the Treasurer of the Church will pay the bills for putting in Ventilators in the Lecture Room.

Mr Bently is instructed by this Board with power to have the Hearse building on church lot removed,\* and any other work done which he may see fit to put said premises in order, also repairing fences and gates of the cemeteries.

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith

Secty.

Paterson N J Nov 18 1873

Meeting of the Board of Trustees Present Messrs Henry Clark John Bently John Ramage Wm Moore F C Van Dyk & J O Smith

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Verbal report of Committee on repairing furnace in church and Stoves in Lecture was made

Committee on repairing of Parsonage & premises surrounding Same. Also grounds and out buildings about the church all having been attended too Said Committee was discharged.

Resolution offered

That in the providence of God Mr Benjm Salter an active member of this Board, has been called away by death since last we met.† A man always ready to take part in the varied business of this body and to whom we could look for counsel and with respect. We would now express our deep regret at this loss and in humiliation Submit to the will of a wise and merciful Father

Report of Treasurer was read and accepted.

Mr Ramage made Known to this Board that Mr James Angus was ready to donate to the church a lot of ground to be used only for the purpose of erecting a parochial Sabbath School upon it, and for its uses.‡

Resolved that we receive this lot upon his own terms to be expressed in deed of Same and hereby express our most hearty thanks.

Resolved that we purchase a lot adjoining the one given by Mr James Angus for the Sum of One thousand dollars with a credit upon Same of ten years paying interest upon Same annually

Resolved that we erect a Suitable building on Said lots for afore mentioned purposes, & that a committee to make arrangements with power be appointed to carry such into effect Viz Mess John Bently. Ramage & Van Dyk be said committee.

\*The building (of frame) stood on Cross street, adjoining the Lecture Room. It was not removed until 1886, when it was taken down to make room for the present church parlor.

†Mr. Benjamin Salter, a member of the Board of Trustees, and for some time Superintendent of the Sunday School, died October 3d, 1873.

‡Part of the site on which the Westminster Presbyterian Church now stands, on Spring street.

Resolved that a letter of thanks be written and Sent by Mr Van Dyk to Mr Pearce for his interest and Services given at the time of renovating and painting the church during the Summer of last year

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Novr 27 1873

A meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of this city was held in the church building on this day (Thanksgiving day) immediately after the usual Services due notice having been given from the Pulpit on each of the three Sundays previous

Mr Henry Clark was chosen chairman & Mr Wm Nelson Secretary.

The chairman stated that one of the objects of the meeting was to choose four Trustees. One for one year to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Benjamin Salter & three for two years to succeed Messrs John Bently Wm Moore & John O Smith whose terms were expiring

Several nominations were made & a ballot being taken the following persons received the highest number of Votes and were declared elected Trustees, for one Year, Viz Mr Wm Cooke & for two years John Bentley John O Smith and Socrates Tuttle

On motion of Mr John Ramage it was resolved unanimously that the Pastors Salary be advanced Five Hundred dollars or at the rate of Three thousand dollars per annum dating from November 1st 1873

On motion Resolved to adjourn

(Signed) Wm Nelson  
Secretary\*

Paterson Decr 2d 1873

Meeting of the Board of Trustees minutes of meeting Novr 18 were read and approved.

Officers to be chosen for the next year Mr Henry Clark was nominated & Elected President

John O Smith ditto as Secretary  
F. C. Van Dyk " " Treasurer  
Jeremiah Pye Sexton Salary \$300. per Annum  
" " Collector " 100 " "

Committee on Heating church and Lecture Room were discharged.

Resolution passed appropriating to J O Smith Committee on music an addition of One Hundred & Sixty two 50-100 to be paid during the five

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\*These minutes are in the handwriting of John O. Smith.

months Succeeding the first of Decr inst in Salary to Mrs Low added to that already appropriated by Mr Smith for Sopranos Salary

Resolved to adjourn

John O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson March 30 1874

Meeting of Board trustees, all the members being present

Minutes of Decr 3d 1873 read and approved.

Report of building committee for Mission School was read and ordered to be entered on book of minutes Viz

Cost of building including Seats lights & other furniture	\$1749.
Subscription to Same	1664

Deficiency	\$ 85.
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Resolutions passed that a remonstrance be drawn up and presented to the Board of Alderman (or the proper authorities) opposing the maccadamising of Ward St between Main & Cross Sts & that the President of this board Sign Said remonstrance officially.\*

Motion made by Mr Tuttle & Seconded that an appropriation of Thirteen hundred dollars be made towards the defraying of Organist & Choir in church for ensuing year. Amended by resolution of Mr Clark that one thousand be the sum appropriated. The ayes & noes being taken the original resolution was lost 2 to 5. The amendment being voted upon was carried giving one thousand dollars towards said expenses viz paying choir salaries and assistant in blowing the organ

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson Octr 6th 1874

At the call of the Secretary in writing for a meeting of the Trustees of First Presbyterian Society. A full Board was present at the office of S Tuttle Esqr. this evening.

Minutes of last meeting (March 30) were read and approved.

A resolution was passed, That an application having been made to this board by a member of the congregation (Mr Wm Ryle) for the appropriation of a part of the new cemetery lot on Market Street for the use of the Ladies Hospital Association of Paterson, for Hospital purposes. That upon the receipt of an application in writing from Said association for the

\*The objection was not to the improvement, but was due to the fact that the entire cost of such work at that time was assessed on the property fronting on the street.

appropriation of a portion of said lot for that purpose the same will be considered

No further business being proposed Resolved to adjourn

John O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson Oct 20 1874

Meeting of Trustees at 8 Oclock P. M.

Minutes of the meeting of 6th inst were read and approved.

A Communication have been recd from the Building Committee of the Ladies Hospital association was read & received for consideration.

Resolved to appoint a Committee of two to confer with the building Committee of Ladies Hospital asstn. The President of the Board to appoint same. Mr F C Van Dyk and Mr William Cook were appointed

Resolved to adjourn. the next meeting of the Board to be held at office of J. O. Smith on tuesday Novr 3d Proximo

J O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson Nov 3d 1874

Meeting of the Board. Minutes of meeting 20th Oct ultimo were read and accepted. Committee appointed at least meeting made a verbal report through its chairman Mr F C Van Dyk giving an account of an interview with the manages of the Ladies Hospital association. Viz That that association applied for twenty four lots situated in our new Cemetery. No price being named the matter was now brought up for consideration. When a motion was made by Mr F C Van Dyk and seconded by Mr William Cook when it was resolved to offer that parcel or tract of land situated on Market Street being the upper part of the new Cemetery. 24 (more or less) city building lots. that each lot to have 2500 square feet or 25 feet by 100. for the sum of \$500 for each lot. this offer to be open for acceptance for ten days from the 4th day of Novr 1874. and no longer. The fences are not included in the sale. and if accepted by the Ladies Hospital association. the action of the Trustees to be submitted to a meeting of the congregation to approve or disapprove and if approved, it will be confirmed by the Trustees. The payments to be one third Cash. the balance on Bond and Mortgage Interest payable Semi Annual

Treasurers Report was read and accepted Showing the receipts and disbursements for the last fiscal year.

Receipts from Pew rents	5074 86
" Collections (boxes)	540 63
Delinquent rents	1113 89
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	6729.38
Expenses	6569 07
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	160.31

Resolved to adjourn

J. O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson N J Novr 26th 1874

At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of this city held this day in the church immediately after the Thanksgiving Service pursuant to notice duly given from the pulpit for the election of of four Trustees to succeed Messrs Henry Clark John Ramage F. C. Van Dyk and William Cook Mr Henry Clark was chosen chairman and Mr Wm Nelson Secretary

Nominations being made the same Trustees were renominated. Mr Clark declined and named his son Mr Henry. I. Clark in his stead, when Messrs Van Dyk. Ramage. Cook and Henry. I. Clark were elected by acclamation for the term two years

Resolved to adjourn.

Wm Nelson  
Secretary\*

Paterson Decr 7th 1874

Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of Organizing. Present Messrs S Tuttle John Bently John Ramage William Cook F C Van Dyk Henry I Clark & John O Smith. After being called to order, proceeded to read the minutes of meeting of the Congregation of Nov 26 Nov past. When nominations for a President were made, Mr S. Tuttle & Mr John Bently were nominated, Mr Bently declined Mr Tuttle was then elected. Mr John O Smith was reelected Secretary, and Mr F. C. Van Dyk Treasurer. Mr Pye was reelected Sexton and Collector.

A Resolution was then read and passed Viz. That the collector appointed for the collection of Pew rents will hereafter be required promptly to collect all Pew rents and to report to the Treasurer in writing the names of all delinquents at the expiration of every month, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer immediately to lay such monthly reports before the Board of Trustees for such action as they may deem best

\*These minutes are in the handwriting of John O. Smith.



Regular meetings of the Board to be held the last Tuesday evening of each fiscal Quarter, and special meetings at the call of the President of which due notice shall be given

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson Jan'y 26th 1875

Regular Quarterly meeting of the Board Present a Quorem Mr Ram- age called to the chair in the absence of the President

Minutes of meeting Decr 7th read & approved

Resolution made & carried that Mr Pye, the collector having failed to make the required report to the Treasurer as appearing in resolutions of last meeting & of which he was immediately notified by the Secretary in writing. That Mr Pye be notified of his neglect in his apparent want of attention to the requirements of said resolution and that his notice be again called to same, and in case of his continued failure that immediate action on same will be taken by the Board

Resolution passed That owing to the present condition of the Finances of the Church. A prompt payment of the Pew rents is necessary, and the Trustees have reluctantly decided to consider every Pew vacant on which the rent is one or more quarters delinquent and will proceed to rent it to other parties, and that the collector be required to read this too or notify all who are in arrears. This resolution to take effect on May 1st Proximo.

Resolved that the President sign a power of attorney to the firm of Henry I & John Clark to collect the interest now due and accruing on the investment of the Devereaux fund & that they pay the same over to the Treasurer of the session to be used for the purpose for which it was given.

Resolved to adjourn to meet on Tuesday Evg April 6th

J O Smith  
Secty

Paterson Feby 8th 1875

Meeting of Trustees after being called to order minutes of 26 Jan'y were read & approved

Resolution passed that a printed circular be properly filled up and issued to each delinquent Pew holder giving notice of amount due, and a limited time granted for the payment thereof, and if not responded too, that the pews of such delinquents will be considered vacant and subject to be rented to others on the first of May next.

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson March 23d 1875

At the call of the President for a meeting of the Trustees. A full Board being present The minutes of the meeting previous were read and approved

A Resolution was passed appropriating One thousand dollars for furnishing the music for the services of the church. J. O. Smith was empowered as a committee to engage the Organist and other members of the choir for the year ensuing from May 1st 1875

Resolution was made that the Janitor of the mission School should be paid by Treasurer of the church.

Mr Van Dyk was elected collector of the church and an appropriation was made of \$100 to pay a deputy to be chosen by Mr Van Dyk

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith Secty

Paterson N J 13 April 1875

Meeting of Trustees at the office of the President. Present S. Tuttle Esqr John Ramage F C Van Dyk & John O Smith

Minutes of meeting March 23d read & approved. A Communication having been made by the Secretary of the Board that the Keys of the church and Lecture room had been sent to him by the Sexton stating that he had accepted a situation in Hoboken which will prevent his serving us any longer. Therefore Resolved That we proceed to the Election of another sexton nominations being received Viz

George Webster (colored)

Robert Singleton

James Lum &

Harry Muzzy

The appointment was postponed until the next meeting George Brewster\* was hired to fill vacancy until that time. at \$5. per week.

Resolved that every Delinquent Pew Holder Shall have a circular sent to them claiming the rent due by them. and that all rents are payable and due in advance from Quarter to Quarter

Resolved to adjourn

J O Smith

Secretary

Paterson Sept 14th 1875

Trustee meeting at the office of the President

Present a full Board being called to order

Minutes of meeting 13th April read & approved

\*Webster.

Geo Webster employed as acting Sexton shall be instructed to examine the falling in of Soil of the Old Cemetry & in case of the exposure of the remains of the Dead that he at once have them carefully buried & report such instances to the Treasurer of our Society & that he will remunerate him for such service. Webster is to go to the cemeteries twice a week.

A Committee of two were appointed consisting of Mr John Bently & Mr William Cooke to have the fences and gates put in order surrounding the two cemeteries. This committee was selected & chosen by the Board

Resolved to adjourn

J. O. Smith  
Secretary.

Paterson N. J. Nov 25 1875

Congregation met according to call, due notice having been given. Henry. A. Williams Esqr was appointed chairman and Mr Wm Nelson Secretary. Minutes of meeting in 1874 were read and approved The business of the meeting being given Viz an Election for three trustees. Mess S. Tuttle John Bently & J O Smith whose terms expiring, were renominated. No others being made, an election was then held, which resulted in the reelection of the above named gentleman, to serve as Trustees for the term of two years ensuing\*

Wm Nelson  
Secretary  
per J O Smith  
Voluntary

Paterson Novr 30th 1875

Meeting of the Trustees Present a full Board. Minutes of congregational meeting held on 25 inst. were read confirming the election of Messrs S. Tuttle Esqr John O Smith & John Bently as Trustees of the church for the next two years ensuing. Minutes of 14 Sept of the Board of Trustees were also read and approved. After which an election for officers was held resulting in the following choice. Socrates Tuttle Esqr as President John O Smith Secretary and F C Van Dyk Treasurer with an appropriation to the treasurer of One Hundred dollars towards paying a collector.

Geo Webster was retained as Janitor at the wages of 5 dollars per week

Mr Ramage was chosen as a committee to have a Porch erected over the front door of the Mission School.

\*As in 1872, 1873 and 1874, Mr. Nelson wrote out his minutes and handed them to Mr. Smith, who entered them in the minute-book in his own way.

Committee on Cemeteries reported their work completed. This committee being continued with the addition of Mr S. Tuttle  
Resolved to adjourn

J. O Smith  
Secty

Paterson March 8th 1876

Meeting of the Trustees present our President Mess F. C. Van Dyk John Ramage Henry I Clark Wm Cooke and J O Smith

Minutes of last meeting Nov 30th 1875 were read and approved

A resolution was passed that an offer be made to the owners of burial lots in the old cemetery where they are likely to be excavated or otherwise molested, that suitable lots of ground shall be given in exchange in the new cemetery within certain limits and restrictions to be fixed upon by a committee to be appointed for this purpose. Said committee is now appointed consisting of three persons F. C Van Dyk J. O. Smith and the President of this Board. New deeds hereafter to be given shall be drawn so as to convey to the purchasers the right to the lots for burial purposes only, to them & their heirs and if not used for such purposes, they shall then revert to the church.

A Resolution was passed appropriating One thousand dollars for the purpose of defraying the expenses of music for the ensuing year from May 1st 1876. Mr J O Smith was appointed the committee on music with full power to make all and suitable arrangements for same including music for the Lecture room.

A Committee consisting of three persons was appointed consisting of Mess Ramage Wm Cooke and John Bently to raise money and to have the mission School enlarged

Resolved to adjourn

J. O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson March 20th 1876

Trustees met upon call of the Secretary. Present a Quorum

A Resolution was made authorizing The President of the Board to sign a receipt for One thousand dollars paid to them by the Executors of the estate of the late Mrs Mary. C. Devereaux having been given by her to the First Presbyterian Society for the purpose of educating young men for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church See minutes of April 12 1869 a receipt having been sent by the late President Henry Clark Esq at that time which

receipt seems to have been mislaid or lost Receipt was sent to E A Wetmore Executor originally.

J O Smith  
Secretary

Paterson April 27th 1876

Meeting of Trustees at the call of the President held this evening a full board being present

Minutes of meeting of March 8th were read and approved. The object of *this* meeting being stated by the President that a petition had been sent to him which reads as follows. We the undersigned being informed that there is to be a change made in the choir of the First Presbyterian church to take effect May 1st. We would respectfully request that the present choir be retained Signed by Mrs Robert Barbour and *ninety six* other persons members of our church and congregation. Petition or a copy of same being placed on file.

A motion was made that this report be received and laid upon the table. This motion was afterward withdrawn

A Resolution was then passed viz In view of the request of Mrs Robert Barbour and 96 other members of our church and congregation requesting that the present choir be retained, which request is in writing and bears date April 22d 1876 and is now laid before this board. That it appearing by report of Mr John. O. Smith committee on music that he has already contracted for a new Organist in place of Mr Oborski and for another soprano in place of Mrs Low. it is inexpedient at this time to interfere with the arrangements already made Resolved. That we regret that a request so respectfull and largely signed should not have been made known to this board before contracts for music for the present year had been made

Resolved to adjourn.

J. O. Smith  
Secretary

Paterson New Jersey

June 13th 1876

The Trustees held a meeting this evening at the call of their President at his office, a full board being present Minutes of April 27th were read & approved. A report of the building committee was received and ordered to be placed on file Viz amount received by subscription towards enlargement of mission building on Spring Street \$1085.

(copy)

Paid the carpenter Mr Rider *	\$708.80	
" Swift & McDonald	8.60	
" Mr Habben	6	
" On old account	100	922.90
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Balance on hand		\$162.10

A resolution was passed ordering a fence to be erected surrounding the mission school and Mr John Bently be a committee to attend to it.

The subject of music was brought up. After some discussion it appeared that the congregation being dissatisfied. Mr Henry A. Williams a member of the Session, having been appointed to meet with this body, after hearing his report. It was resolved to appoint a new committee on music when Mr Henry I. Clark Mr John Ramage (Mr J. O Smith the old committee tendering his resignation, which was accepted) & the President including Mr H A Williams from the Session of the church would constitute this committee. empowering them to make arrangements for the music in the church for the ensuing year.

Resolved that an appropriation of One Hundred dollars be made at this time to meet all the expenses which have been accrued & which will be necessary to satisfy the engagements of the organist & Soprano Singer now retiring. (Note this amount was paid to J O Smith in early part of July & appropriated as proposed)

A report was received through Mr F. C. Van Dyk that Mr John Lum had made application, for his money which our Society now hold upon Bond & mortgage. Mr Van Dyk was appointed a committee to meet if possible this obligation

Resolved to adjourn

John. O. Smith  
Secretary

Here ends the Secretary Ship of J. O. Smith who has filled this office by appointment of the Boards of Trustees from time to time for the last sixteen years from 29 Novr 1860

June 1876\*

Paterson Novr 5 1876

Notice was given by the pastor (Revd David Magie D. D.) from the pulpit, calling a meeting of the congregation on thursday Novr 30 (Thanksgiving day) for the purpose of electing Trustees to fill vacancies occurring at that time. Said notice being always given three weeks at least in advance

John. O. Smith

\*Note in the handwriting of John O. Smith.



## ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION.\*

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 30, 1876.

The Congregation of the First Presbyterian church met this day, pursuant to notice duly given from the pulpit on three preceding Sundays, for the election of Trustees and the transaction of other business.

On motion, Henry A. Williams, Esq., was chosen chairman, and Mr. Wm Nelson secretary.

The minutes of the annual meeting held November 25, 1876, were read for the information of the Congregation.

The chairman announced that the Trustees whose terms expired at this time were Messrs. Francis C. Van Dyk, John Ramage, William Cooke and Henry I. Clark.

Mr. Henry Muzzy moved that said Trustees be all re-elected.

The following communication was received, and read by the secretary :

“Paterson, N. J.

“Nov. 29, '76.

“To the Congregation or gathering

“of Pewholders and church members

“of First Presbyterian Ch of Pater

“son, N. J.

“Should my name be mentioned in connection with the Trustee-ship of  
“this church for the next two years—I wish to say most respectfully, that  
“on no condition will I serve. Those connected with this church have  
“seen fit to re-elect me from time to time, till my service amounts to some  
“eight or ten years. In my humble opinion, it will be far better for the  
“church and for the individuals who may be elected to this office to have  
“frequent changes, as then they will become more interested in the affairs  
“of the church and both the church and themselves will be greatly bene-  
“fited by it.

“Yours truly,

“F. C. Van Dyk.”

Mr S. Tuttle nominated Mr. William Ryle in place of Mr. Van Dyk.

Mr. Muzzy withdrew his motion.

Messrs. John Ramage, Henry I. Clark and William Cooke were severally renominated.

Mr. Tuttle moved that the vote be taken upon the nominations by acclamation.

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. John Ramage, Henry I Clark, Wm. Cooke and Wm. Ryle were unanimously elected Trustees for the ensuing two years.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. F. C. Van Dyk, was read by the Secretary, as follows :

\*The minutes of this Congregational meeting are in the handwriting of the secretary of the meeting.



# REPORT OF TREASURER

—OF—

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PATERSON, N. J. For the Year ending November 1st, 1876.

### INCOME :

Sunday Collections to Nov. 1st, 1876, \$ 540.96  
Amount of Pew Rents received to Nov. 1st, 1876, 5928.01  
Amount Due Treasurer Nov. 1st, 1876, 822.83

----- \$7291.80

### SUMMARY :

Gross income actually rec'd from Nov. 1, '75, to Nov. 1, '76, \$6468.97  
Gross expenditure actually paid during year from Nov. 1, '75 to Nov. 1, '76, 6453.56

**Excess of Income on year just closed, - \$15.41**

### NOTE.

Deficiency on Nov. 1st, '75, (see Treasurer's last report) \$838.54  
Excess of income, applied to reduction of deficiency, 15.41

### Deficiency still remaining,

**\$822.83**

**Delinquent Pew Rents, Quarter ending Nov. 1,**

**\$633.49**

NOTE.— For the last three years there has been a deficiency of over \$800, which has been reduced only a few dollars each year; leaving still due the Treasurer on Nov. 1st, this year, something over \$800. Can not something be done either to cancel this amount or by a combined effort to pay off the mortgage debt, which would save interest paid our some \$600 per year?

### EXPENDITURES :

Amount due Treasurer Nov. 1st, 1875, brought forward, (See Treasurer's last report.) \$838.24

For interest on five Mortgages on Parsonage,

\$1000.00

Three held by John Edwards, - - - 3000.00

One " W. A. Butler, - - - 905.00

" " Rich'd Wessels - - - 2000.00

" " Jas. Angus, on Mission School Property, - - - 500.00

1000.00

\$8405.00

For amount of Interest paid on above to date, - 580.32  
" Premium on insurance, - 124.25  
" Trustees appropriation, Choir Salaries, - 1170.50  
" Gas Bills, Church and Lecture Room, - 161.97  
" Tax on Parsonage, Church Sewer and Union st., - 355.97  
" Repairs on L. R., Mission S. Church, Parsonage, &c., - 238.50  
" Coal for Fuel in Church and Lecture Room, - 124.25  
" Dr. Hornblower, for Historical Sermon, - 50.00  
" Supplies for Pulpit during Pastor's vacation, - 30.00  
" Pastor's Salary in full one year, to Nov. 1st, - 3000.00  
" Janitor's Salary, of Church, 1 year, - 259.92  
" Presbyterial expenses, to make up deficiency, - 16.00  
" Expenses incurred in collecting Pew Rents, - 10.00  
" Incidentals, sundry expenses for Church and L. Room, 113.88

\$7291.80

F. C. VAN DYK, TREASURER.

On motion, the report was received.

Mr. Wm. Crossett asked for information about the cost of the choir, which it had been understood would not exceed \$1,000 for the past year.

After some discussion,

Mr. Wm. Nelson moved as the sense of the congregation that for the ensuing year the expenses for the church music do not exceed one thousand dollars.

Mr. S. Tuttle moved as an amendment that Mr. Oborski, the present Organist, be charged with the provision of the music for the church, with an appropriation of one thousand dollars at his disposal.

Mr. Henry Muzzy moved as an amendment to the amendment that "we follow the Presbyterian doctrine in this respect, and that the whole matter be left in the hands of the Session."

Mr. Tuttle withdrew his motion, to which opposition had been expressed.

The Chairman ruled Mr. Muzzy's motion out of order.

Mr. John Ramage moved that the whole matter of the church music be left to the Trustees, as heretofore.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Nelson's motion was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Clark it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church be tendered to F. C. Van Dyk, Esq., for his able and valuable services as a member of the Board of Trustees of said Church and Treasurer of said Board during the years that he has filled such positions.

On motion, adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,  
Secretary.

A copy of the Resolution in connection with the expression of thanks & C of the congregation to Mr. Van Dyk embodied in the foregoing minutes, has been forwarded to Mr. Van Dyk on Decr. 12th 1876

J O Smith.

Paterson Dec 12th 1876

Meeting of the Board called at the office of S. Tuttle Esq. Present a full Board except Mr Ryle & Mr Smith.

Mr. Tuttle was elected chairman and Mr Clark Sec pro tem. On motion meeting adjourned to meet next Friday, Dec 19 | 76 at 8 o'clock P. M. at same place.

H. I. Clark  
Sec pro tem

Paterson Dec 19th 1876.

Meeting of the Board held at the office of S. Tuttle Esq. Present a full Board except Mr Smith consisting of Mr Tuttle, Mr Ramage, Mr Bently Mr Ryle, Mr Cooke & Mr Clark.

Meeting called to order by Mr Tuttle On motion of Mr Ramage, Mr Tuttle was unanimously elected President of the Board for the ensuing year On motion Mr Wm Cooke was elected Treasurer & Mr H. I. Clark Secretary for the ensuing year. Minutes of last formal meeting held June 13th 1876 read and approved except that part which includes Mr H A Williams as one of committee on music, which was ordered to be stricken out. On motion the present committee on music were continued consisting of Mr. Tuttle Mr Ramage & Mr Clark and an appropriation of one thousand dollars was made for music for the ensuing year. On motion, Mr Robt Dalling was appointed collector for the ensuing year at a compensation of two per cent on the amount of Pew Rents collected. On motion of Mr. Ryle it was agreed that the services of Geo Webster as janitor be continued weekly, at the same compensation heretofore paid him.

On motion of Mr Ramage that the chair appoint a committee the chair appointed a committee to have general supervision of church property The Chair appointed Mr Ramage & Mr Bentley

On motion adjourned.

H. I. Clark Sec

## LIST OF PEW OWNERS IN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

* Chas Danforth	1	Pew No. 89
Peter Adams	1	" " 87
John Edwards	1	" " 93
Matthew Jackson	1	" " 21
Thos Gould	1	" " 46
John Garrison	1	" " 97
R L Colt	3	" 56, 84, 54
Wm Cundell	1	" "
Mary Morrell	1	" No. 88
Stephen Allen	1	" " 86
Jas D Lockwood now owned by Mr Crossman 71 Division St		
Henry Muzzy	1	Pew " 82
John Colt	2	Pews 129, 130
A S Pennington	2	" 131, 132
Henry Clark	2	" 57, 59
David Burnett	1	" No. 93
Henry Whiteley	1	" " 78
James Close widow	1	" " 75

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John Keenan	1	now occupied by H. A. Williams
John Keenan	1	Pew No 53
Wm Crossett	1	" " 64
Rogers K & G†	2	" 137. 138

## 26 Pews

\*The above list is on a sheet of note paper, pinned to a fly leaf in front of Vol. III. of the Books of Minutes. It is in the handwriting of Henry Clark, and is endorsed across the face, in red ink, in the handwriting of John O. Smith: "List given to J. O. Smith Secty by Henry Clark President Board Trustees." The name John Keenan, and the note "was occupied by H. A. Williams" are in Mr. Smith's handwriting. The list was made out probably about 1862-3.

†Rogers, Ketcham & Grosvenor, now Rogers Locomotive and Machine Works.

Minutes of Board of Trustees.

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Paterson Feby 6th 1877

Trustees met at office of S. Tuttle Esq Present Mr Ryle, Mr Ramage, M Smith and Mr Clark.

On motion of Mr Ramage, Mr Ryle was elected chairman of this meeting.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr F. C. Van Dyke presented himself before the Board of Trustees and stated that Miss Carrie Edwards and Miss Anne Inglis had undertaken to raise by subscription from the members of the church and congregation a sufficient sum of money to pay off the indebtedness on the Parsonage, and that in their behalf, he now handed the following evidences of indebtedness, receipted in full or cancelled of record viz

Bond & Mortgage on Parsonage issued to John Lum August 25th 1860 for \$3,000.

Bond & Mortgage on Parsonage issued to John Lum May 31st 1861 for \$1,000.

Bond & Mortgage on Parsonage issued to William A Butler October 8th 1871 for \$2,000.

Note issued to Richard Wessels May 10th 1862 for \$500.

Note issued to John Edwards July 22d 1862 for \$904 78-100 also Policies of Insurance assigned to Jno Edwards as additional security on Bonds & Mt'ges held by him

1 Policy No 4004 for \$3,000 expiring Apl 31 | 78 in Paterson Ins Co

1 " 1/2 of No 1032 cancelled No 9597 for \$1,000 expiring Apl 19—79 in do accompanied by a list of subscribers and a statement showing the total amount of subscriptions received to have been \$7453 50-100 dollars, the entire amount paid in liquidation of the indebtedness \$7,404 78-100 leaving a balance of receipts in excess of disbursements of \$48 72-100 dollars which was enclosed in an envelope addressed to the Treasurer of the church and accompanied by the following letter dated Feby 1st 1877

To the Honorable The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church  
Gentlemen

We the undersigned have the honor to enclose herewith, the Bonds and Mortgages paid and cancelled of record and the two notes fully paid and satisfied (amounting to in all \$7,404 78-100) which have been held for so many years as a lien on the Parsonage of our church.



Enclosed also you will find the Subscription papers with the amounts subscribed for the liquidation of this debt & the accounts showing our total receipts and expenditures. These we trust you will find all correct and satisfactory.

The small balance on hand you will please place to the Mission School Mortgage. This has been promised by us to the contributors. We would also suggest to you that out of the increased available income of the church, an annual sum say \$200, be paid on this mortgage & so gradually remove this debt also.

And now in closing up our work, we have but to report unto you, the deep and earnest feeling we found among our people in regard to this debt ; all felt the burden, all were anxious to do their share as the list of names on the Subscription list sufficiently prove, and the often expressed hope should the debt be removed that the Poor of the Church be "considered" and not too heavily taxed for their pew rents ; and also that the Trustees in all their future works of usefulness (and we hope these will be many) should not take the easy method of assuming Mortgages but endeavour to raise the money before the work is undertaken.

If Gods Blessing be with you in the work you will find a generous and willing response from the people, such has been our experience. By His Help and His Aid have we alone done our work and now at its successful close we would offer up to him our voice of thanksgiving that to do this, we have been counted worthy"

Gentlemen

We have the honor to be

Yours very Respectfully

(signed) Carrie Edwards

" Anne Inglis

On motion of Mr Smith it was Resolved that the papers be received and placed on file and that the envelope said to contain \$48 72-100 dollars, be handed to the Treasurer with instruction to appropriate the same in partial payment of the mortgage on the Mission School in accordance with the request in the above recorded letter of Mrs Edwards and Miss Inglis

On motion of Mr Ramage it was Resolved that the thanks of the Board of Trustees be tendered to Mrs Carrie Edwards & Miss Anne Inglis for their disinterested and untiring exertions to accomplish the task that they had so cheerfully undertaken and which under the blessing of God has been rewarded with such signal success, and that the President of the Board of Trustees be requested to convey the same to them by letter.

On motion of Mr Smith it was Resolved that the Secretary have the above mentioned Policies of Insurance surrendered by Mr John Edwards Mortgagee changed so that the loss if any be made payable to this Society.

On motion of Mr Ramage it was Resolved that the President be requested to examine the above mentioned papers and report at our next meeting if all the forms of law have in them been complied with, so as to extinguish all previously existing indebtedness on the Parsonage.

On motion adjourned

H. I. Clark

Secretary

Paterson April 17 | 77

Trustees met at office of S. Tuttle Esq Present a full Board.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President of the Board (Mr Tuttle) stated that he had called this meeting among other matters for the purpose of submitting the request of Mr Jas Morrison that the Trustees have the Fence and Remains buried in his lot in old Cemetery (which is being gradually undermined) removed to the new cemetery and that the church pay for the said removal.

Motion of Mr Smith that the Society pay for the removal of fence and remains as requested by Mr Morrison at an expense not to exceed seventeen dollars was not agreed to.

Ayes' Mr Smith, Mr Ramage, & Mr Tuttle

Noes' Mr Bentley, Mr Cooke, Mr Ryle & Mr Clark

Committees appointed at the last meeting reported as follows.

The President that he had sent copies of resolution adopted Feby 16 | 77 to Miss Inglis & Mrs Edwards also that he had casually examined the cancellation of Bonds & Mortgages & Notes (as they had just come into his possession) which appeared correct but would make a more thorough examination.

The Secretary that he had left the Policies of Insurance with Paterson Fire Ins Co to have loss if any accrue to the society instead of Jno Edwards Mortgagee

On motion of Mr Ramage Resolved that the Board of Trustees purchase five new Hymn Books with music for the choir and twenty of the cheapest copies for the use of the non members of the congregation.

On motion adjourned

H. I. Clark Sec

Paterson May 17 th 1877

Trustees' met at the Office of S. Tuttle Esq

A Presentment of the Grand Jury of which the following is a copy was submitted to the Board,

The Grand Inquest of the County of Passaic present,

That the

burying grounds belonging to the following corporations to wit. To the First Methodist Episcopal Church, To the Saint Pauls Protestant Episcopal

Church and The First Presbyterian Church are in a neglected and dilapidated condition and as the same now are public nuisances

And that the burying ground of the said First Presbyterian Church is in a state which exposes the bones of some of those buried therein to the eyes of the public and that unless the same be not immediately put in proper condition they ought to be indicted as public nuisances

(signed) Thos N Dale  
Foreman

Paterson, May 7 | 1877

A true copy from the files

J. H. Blauvelt Clk

On Motion of Mr Ryle Resolved that the Presentment of the Grand Jury be referred to the committee on cemetery (Mr Tuttle, Mr Bentley & Mr. Cooke) and that they have a survey made if not already done and report what is necessary to be done for the protection of old cemetery against the encroachment of adjacent property owners.

On Motion Adjourned

H I. Clark Sec  
Paterson May 31st 1877

Trustees met at office of S. Tuttle Esq

Committee on Cemetery Reported that they have had the old survey staked out and that they find that a fence can be located for a distance of two-thirds of our line at present, at a cost of about Twenty-eight dollars per one hundred feet and that as soon as the earth is removed can extend the same until it meets the fence running southerly from the north-western corner of the Cemetery

On motion of Mr Ryle Resolved That the report of committee be received and that the committee be empowered to erect the fence in accordance with their report and continue the same from time to time until there shall be a continuous fence along the westerly side of the old cemetery, and that they further be empowered to remove such remains as may be liable to exposure by removal of the sand and to reinter them in some other part of the Cemetery.

On Motion Adjourned

H I. Clark Sec.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 29, 1877.

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church was held this day (Thanksgiving), immediately after the morning service, pursuant to notice duly given from the pulpit.

Mr. H. A. Williams was chosen chairman, and Wm. Nelson secretary.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting (Thanksgiving day, 1876) was dispensed with.

Mr. Ramage, of the Board of Trustees, stated that the business of the meeting was the election of three Trustees, in place of Messrs. John Bentley, William Cooke and John O. Smith, whose terms expired this year.

Mr. Dalling moved that the three retiring Trustees be re-elected.

Mr. Muzzy nominated Benjamin Crane.

Messrs. William Cooke, John Bentley and William Moore were nominated.

Mr. Ramage stated that Mr. Bentley yesterday requested that his name be withdrawn, if nominated.

On motion, it was decided to elect Trustees by ballot.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Abram Gould and Henry I. Clark were appointed Tellers.

The ballots were counted with the following result:

Mr. Bentley.....	25
Mr. Cooke.....	24
Mr. Crane.....	14
Mr. Smith.....	11
Mr. Moore... ..	3
Blank .....	2

The chairman declared that Messrs. John Bentley, William Cooke & Benjamin Crane were duly elected Trustees of the church for the next-ensuing two years.

On motion, adjourned until next Thanksgiving day.

Wm. Nelson.

Paterson Dec 4th 1877

Trustees' met at the office of S Tuttle Esq Present Mr. Ryle, Mr Ramage, Mr Cooke Mr Bentley & Mr Crane, & Mr Clark

On Motion of Mr Bentley Mr Ryle was elected temporary chairman of this meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

The reading of the minutes of the annual meeting of the congregation held Nov 30th 1876 was called for, from which it appeared that Mr Wm Cooke was elected for two years at that time causing a vacancy in the Board.

On Motion of Mr Ramage that the Board proceed to fill the said vacancy for the ensuing two years and that Mr S. Tuttle be elected to the same, was unanimously agreed to.

On Motion the following officers were unanimously reelected for the ensuing year

Mr S. Tuttle President

Mr H. I. Clark Secretary and

Mr Wm Cooke Treasurer

Mr Robt Dalling was reappointed collector for the ensuing year on the same terms as last year.

Geo Webster (coll) Janitor was also retained on the same terms as last year.

On Motion the following committees were continued for the ensuing year:

Music

Mr S. Tuttle, Mr Jno Ramage, Mr H. I. Clark.

General Supervision of Church Property

Mr Jno Ramage, & Mr Jno Bentley.

The following communication was received from the session of the Church, Extracts from the Minutes of the Session dated Nov 27, 1877,

"It was resolved that in consequence of the recent purchase of Hymn Books by the Congregation, the Session request the Trustees of the church to purchase for use in the Lecture Room one hundred copies of "Hymns & Songs for Social and Sabbath Worship" and that Mr Ramage be a committee to present a copy of this resolution to the Trustees"

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy from the minutes of the session.

(signed) David Magie

Moderator

On Motion of Mr Ryle the above communication was laid on the table,

On Motion Adjourned to meet at the same place Dec 18th 1877 at 8 o'clock P. M

Paterson Dec 18th 1877.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq

Present Mr Tuttle, Mr Ramage, Mr Cooke Mr Clark, Mr Crane

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Treasurer was received by the Board and ordered to be placed on file

On Motion of Mr. Ramage

Resolved that one thousand dollars be appropriated for music for the ensuing year.

Communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets requiring the repairing or laying with blue flag the side-walk of church property on Main St between Ward and Oliver Streets On Motion of Mr Crane said communication was referred to the committee of General Supervision of Church Property with power.

On Motion of Mr Crane Resolved that the communication received from

session of the Church at the last meeting be taken from the table.

On Motion of Mr Cooke

Resolved that the session of the church be authorized to procure such a number of Hymn Books for use in the Lecture Room, as in their judgement may be necessary, and render the bill to the Treasurer, and that he be authorized to pay the same.

On Motion adjourned

H I. Clark Secretary

Paterson April 9th 1878.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present Mr Tuttle, Mr Cooke, Mr Ramage Mr Crane, Mr Bentley & Mr Clark,

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer asked instruction in regard to paying a certain sum to Treasurer of the session to make up a deficiency in collections made for our churches' apportionment for Presbyterial Fund.

On motion it was Resolved that the Treasurer pay the amount asked for, \$16.20

An application was made by Mrs Henry White that a certain sum (about five dollars per week) be allowed her by the Board for her sustenance in lieu of the income of the property left by her deceased husband which at her death is willed to The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society. The income to go to the poor of the church, and also offering to convey to this Board her life estate in said property.

On Motion of Mr Cooke Resolved that a committee of two consisting of the President of the Board and Mr Crane be appointed to investigate the application of Mrs White.

A communication was received from Mr Dalling collector asking the Board to reimburse him the sum of Twenty-five dollars paid by him to Mr Geo Brown for Rent.

On motion of Mr Cooke, Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mr Dalling the sum of Twenty five dollars asked for but with the understanding that the Board do not pay his rent in future

On motion adjourned

H. I. Clark

Sec

Paterson April 16th 1878

Board of Trustees met at the office of S. Tuttle Esq



On motion the meeting was adjourned until Saturday April 20th at 8 o'clock P. M.

H. I. Clark  
Sec

Paterson April 20th 1878

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
Present Mr Tuttle, Mr Cooke, Mr Ramage Mr Crane, Mr Bentley, & Mr Clark

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as amended.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting (Mr Tuttle, & Mr Crane) to investigate the application of Mrs Henry White.

Reported that they had called on Mrs White who stated that on account of her advanced age, she felt unable to attend to the management of her affairs and wished to convey to the Board of Trustees her life interest in Real Estate situated on Broadway, which at her death will revert to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, in trust, the Board of Trustees paying to her the sum of Three hundred dollars annually which sum she says is necessary for her support.

The said committee further Reported, that they are informed that the property is rented to various parties at a total annual rental of four hundred and sixty eight dollars and that the annual expenses including taxes are estimated at two hundred and thirty one 90-100 dollars leaving a nett income of two hundred and thirty six 10-100 dollars.

On motion of Mr Ramage the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted,

Whereas the widow of the late Henry White a member of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson who is now in possession of the Real Estate of her deceased husband which Real Estate will become the property of this Board upon the death of said Mrs White under the provisions of the will of the said Henry White, has proposed to convey her life estate in said property to this Board for an annual rent of three hundred dollars.

Resolved that in consideration of the fact of her advanced age and her declared inability to take care of said property and collect the rents thereof this Board do accept her said offer.

Resolved, that the President of the Board be and he is hereby directed to prepare the necessary papers in this matter and have the same executed.

Resolved, that Mr Robt Dalling be employed to collect the rents of the



said property and that he be allowed a commission of five per cent for so doing.

On motion adjourned

H I. Clark

Sec

Paterson Nov 19th 1878

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq

Present Mr Tuttle, Mr Ryle, Mr Crane Mr Cooke, & Mr Clark

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President reported that the title of the late Henry White deceased had not been conveyed to this society, for the reason that Mrs White had reconsidered and declined to make the conveyance.

The Report of Treasurer was received and ordered to be placed on file,

Statement of the Income & Expenditures of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson for the fiscal year ending Nov 1st 1878

Income	
From Pew Rents collected to date	5,748.16
“ Sunday collections	442.49
“ Sale of Cemetery Lot (S Tuttle Presd)	3
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Gross Income recd from Nov 1   77 to Nov 1   78	6193.65
Expenditures	
For balance due Treasurer as per report Nov 1st 1877.	259.86
“ Salary of Pastor one year	3,000.
“ do “ Choir	1020.
“ do “ Janitor	259.92
“ do “ do Mission	96.
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	4,635.78
“ Taxes for 1878 on all the Church Property	318.86
“ Unpaid Taxes for 1874 & 1875 on the Mission Property	29.24
“ New Side Walk (stone flagging)	340.13
“ Insurance	133.50
“ Interest 1 year \$70 ½ year 35 on Mission Property	105.
“ D. C. Rider (carpenter Bill of repairs	102.26
“ E B King & Co Plumber & Stoves “	121.16
“ Paterson Gas Light Co	119.15
“ Amt paid R. Dalling collector	114.96
“ Rent of office for do	25.
“ F. C. Van Dyk & Co Cleaning Church during Summer vacation (3 mos)	38.80

For paid Note of Geo S. McCarter	73.50
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	1,521.56
" Sundry bills as per annexed statement	185.54
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	6342.88
Balance on deficiency in Income—due the Treasurer	\$149.23

## Sundry Bills Paid.

Paid deficiency on Presbyterial & Synodical & Assembly	
Fund Check to Treas Session	16.20
A. D F. Randolph & Co (Social Hymns)	76.
Geo Townley (Coal Bill)	14.75
L. H Martin (Communion Wine)	10.
Christie Repairing & Tuning Organ	15.
Postage & Stationery for Treas & Collector	6.80
Printing                               do   &   do	8 50
Repairing Side Walk	8.16
Wm Turners bill Nov 22   77	7.
1877	
Dec 3	Jas McClellan Side Walk Mission
	3.50
1878.	
Jany 4	Van Saun & Muzzy
	30
28	J & H Habben oil bill
	1.40
Feby 4	Kindling wood (mission)
	1.
5	5 bbls charcoal
	1.75
23	Geo Webster 2½ ds cleaning snow
	2.75
Apl 1	Brick for Repairs
	.85
12	Garside & Bro Paving & Repair Side Walk
	3.70
May 1	Jno. Norwood
	.75
July 11	Van Saun & Muzzy
	1.38
Oct 31	10 bbls charcoal
	3.00
	Cleaning stoves
	1.50
	Coal Basket
	1 25
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	\$185.54

## Note

Uncollected Pew Rents Nov 1st 1877.	515.
do                               Nov 1st 1878.	759.

There are 140 Pews in the church of these 131 are rented, the gross Income of which if all collected amounts to \$6,208.

Statement of Uncollected Pew Rents

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Alex G. Beckwith	40.
T R Buchan	57.
Michael Coulter	29.
L Coles	11.25
Thos Dunlap	34.50
De G. B. Fowler	16.
Geo Frost	8.
Mrs Wm Gledhill	17.
Christopher Godden	69.
Martha Greaves	20.
Chas Keeler	122.
Mrs Kane	24.75
Mrs Lucie	8
Mrs Lyness	54.
Mrs Pennington	21.
A V. Pearce	13.
D. C Rider	45.
Geo Townley	39.
J S. Tylee	24.
H A Williams	63.
J Z. Westervelt	15.50
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total	\$759

Paid since Nov 1st

Alex G. Beckwith	20.
Mrs Kane	24.75
Mrs Pennington	21.
J Z. Westervelt	15.50

On Motion of Mr Ryle the following resolution was unanimously adopted  
 Resolved that the Treasurer be requested to call on the delinquent Pew Holders and urge upon them the necessity of at once paying the past due rents, and he is hereby authorized in his judgement to inform them that if the same be not paid within a reasonable time that the fact will be pub-

lished to the congregation at large and instructions asked by the Trustees as to what action they shall take in the premises.

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark  
Secretary

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 28, 1878.

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church at Paterson was held this day (Thanksgiving), immediately after the morning service, pursuant to notice duly given from the pulpit.

Mr. Henry A. Williams was chosen chairman, and William Nelson secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the congregation, held November 29, 1877, were read and approved.

Mr. Clark, of the Board of Trustees, stated that an error had been committed at the last meeting of the congregation, in voting for a successor to Mr. William Cooke, as Trustee, whereas it was not Mr. Cooke's, but Mr. Socrates Tuttle's term that had expired at that time, Mr. Cooke's term not expiring until this year (1878). In order to remedy the error, the Board of Trustees had chosen Mr. Tuttle to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of his term in 1877, appointing him for the full term of two years. Consequently, the Trustees whose terms expired this year, and whose successors this meeting had been called to elect, were: William Ryle, Henry I. Clark, William Cooke and John Ramage.

Nominations for Trustees being called for, the following gentlemen were named: William Cooke, Henry I. Clark, Samuel V. S. Mussy, William Ryle, Stephen Van Winkle, William Harmon, John W. Griggs (declined), James Booth.

On motion, the nominations were closed.

On motion of Mr. Griggs, it was decided to vote by ballot, each person voting for four Trustees on one ballot.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. John W. Griggs and E. G. Edwards to act as Tellers.

The congregation having cast their ballots, the Tellers announced the vote as follows:

William Cooke	21
William Ryle	17
Henry I. Clark	15
Samuel V. S. Muzzy	10
William Harmon	4
Stephen Van Winkle	4
Blank	2

The Chairman announced that Messrs. William Cooke, William Ryle, Henry I. Clark and Samuel V. S. Muzzy, having received the highest number of votes, were elected Trustees for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Tuttle moved that our Pastor be requested to furnish the Board of Trustees with a copy of his admirable sermon, preached this morning, and that the Trustees be authorized to have the same printed in pamphlet form, the discourse being one of unusually general public interest.

Mr. William Crossett moved as an amendment that the sermon, when printed, be substantially bound, according to the Trustees' discretion.

Mr. Tuttle accepted the amendment, and his motion, as thus amended, was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

Mr. Benjamin Crane moved that our Pastor's sermon on Temperance, preached on Sunday evening, 18th inst., be also printed, but after some discussion withdrew his motion.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,  
Secretary.

Paterson Dec 10th 1878

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq

Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr Wm Ryle Mr Wm Cooke, Mr John Bentley, Mr S V. S. Muzzy, Mr H I. Clark

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

On motion the following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

Mr S. Tuttle President

Mr H I. Clark Secretary

Mr Wm Cooke Treasurer.

Mr Robt Dalling was reappointed collector for the ensuing year on the same terms as last year

Geo Webster (coll) Janitor was retained on the same terms as last year.

On motion the following committees were appointed for the ensuing year.

Music

Mr. S. Tuttle, Mr H. I. Clark, Mr S. V. S. Muzzy

General Supervision of Church Property

Mr Jno Bentley, Mr Wm Cooke

On motion of Mr Bentley that one thousand & twenty dollars be appropriated for music for the ensuing year.

An amendment was offered by Mr Ryle that the amount be one thousand dollars

Amendment lost by the following vote

Ayes Ryle, Muzzy & Clark  
Noes Tuttle Bentley & Cooke

Original motion lost by following vote

Ayes Tuttle, Bentley & Cooke  
Noes Ryle, Muzzy & Clark

On motion of Mr Ryle

Resolved that the appropriation be one thousand dollars to meet the wishes of the congregation.

Unanimously agreed too.

On motion of Mr Ryle

Resolved that the Thanksgiving Sermon of our Pastor be published in phamplet form and that the Treasurer and Secretary be a committee to have one thousand copies printed on the best terms.

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark  
Secretary

Paterson June 12th 1879

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr Jno Bentley Mr Samuel V. S. Muzzy & Mr H. I. Clark.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Mr Wm Cooke was received with the following letter.

New York June 4th 1879

S. Tuttle Esq Presdt &c

Dear Friend

As I wrote you, your request for the enclosed statement was not recd until Monday evening, and my time was so much taken up yesterday that I found it quite impossible to get it ready for the mail until this morning.

It is a statement in full from the last annual Report to date and shows a balance now in the Treasury of \$887 85, and although it has not been asked for yet I think I may be permitted to say that on Nov 1st | 78 there was a deficiency in the Treasury of \$149 23, within 3 mos or say Feby 1st | 79 we had after paying Salaries Bills &c a balance of \$118 73

Again on May 1st after paying Salaries Bills &c we had a balance of \$202 46.

This certainly is encouraging and shows conclusively that we are gradually gaining ground.

But for some time past, with very indifferent health and quite enough business of my own to engage my attention have found the position of Treasurer to be burdensome and therefore with your permission beg to hand you herewith my resignation as a Trustee & Treasurer to take effect immediately, or if you prefer it as soon as my successor is appointed, and when he presents an order from you and our Secty, it will give me pleasure to hand him promptly a certified check for the balance named.

Yours Very Truly

(signed) William Cooke

Treas

The report of Treasurer was received and referred to Mr Clark & Mr Muzzy for examination, of which the following is a copy.

William Cooke Treasurer in account with First Presbyterian Church Pater-son N J

June 3 | 79 To amount received of R Dalling Collector for

Pew Rents 3,407.21

Amount received from

Sunday Collections 288.67

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\$3,695.92

Nov 1 | 78 By Balance on hand as per last report 149.23

June 3 | 79 Amt paid Interest on Mtge on Mission School

Nov 21, \$35 May 21 \$35 70.

Amt paid Geo Webster Janitor 7 mos at 21 66 151.62

" " McClellan " M S " at 8 56.

" " Revd Dr Magee Salary 1500.

" " Choir " 500.

" " gas bills as per Statement 55.20

" " for Printing annual report of Church & Mission School 8.

" " for Printing 1000 copies of Thanksgiving Sermon by

Rev Dr Magie 30.

" " for Printing 1000 Pew Rent bills 2.

" " J & H Habben oil & glass globes 8.

" " E. B. King & Co Plumbing 16 06 26.13

" " H S. Blauvelt Painting 5.04

" " D C Rider Carpenter repairs 26.45

" " Coal Bills as per Statement 89.40

" " J C Christie tuning organ 20.



Amt. paid Check to A Gould to make up deficiency on 2 collections taken up for the support of Presbyterian Organization	17.
" " Postage 100 3 cts 50 2 cts & 100 2 cts check stamps	6.
" " Sundries as per statement	10.
" " Premium on 4 Policies	78.
Total Expenditures	2808.07
balance on hand this date	887.85
	<hr/> 3695.92

On motion of Mr Bentley Resolved that the resignation of the Treasurer be accepted with regret and that the thanks of the Board of Trustees be tendered to Mr Cooke for the able and business like manner in which he has filled the office of Treasurer of this Society and that the Secretary communicate the resolution of the Board to him by letter.

On motion of Mr Bentley Mr Saml McIlroy was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in this Board as Trustee and Treasurer caused by the resignation of Mr Wm Cooke.

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark Secretary

Paterson Nov 20th 1879

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq

Present Mr Tuttle, Mr Crane, Mr Clark Mr McIlroy,

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion Resolved that the Treasurer (Mr McIlroy) be authorized to increase the Insurance on the organ and Bell to the extent of Fifteen hundred dollars,

On Motion of Mr Crane

Resolved that the President Mr Tuttle be authorized to take the necessary means to collect a small amount said to be due this Society by the Government, through Mr Chas Pelham attorney at law on the terms proposed by him.

Ayes Mr Crane, Mr Tuttle, Mr McIlroy

Noes Mr Clark.

Report of Treasurer was received and ordered to be placed on file, Statement of the Income & Expenditure of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson from June 24th to Nov 1st 1879.

1879	Received	
June 24	Check from Wm Cooke Treas	877.35
Nov 1	Pew Rents to date	2328.27
	Sunday Collections	181.71
	Total to date,	3.387.33

## Expenditures.

1879		
Paid Pastors Salary to date	1500.	
" Choir " "	520.	
" Janitors " "	108.38	
" Janitor Mission "	40.	
" Taxes on all Church Property 1879)	318.86	
" Gas Co	30.53	
" Paving Cross & Market St	166.86	
" Plumbing & Stoves	15.91	
" Repairs	166.11	
" Matting for Mission School	21.34	
" R. Dalling collector	114.70	
" Coal Bills Church & Mission	92.70	
" Cleaning Church during Vacation	42.11	
" Cleaning & Painting Mission	26.70	
" Stationary &c	7.25	
" Incidentals	3.88	
	<u>\$3,175.33</u>	
Balance on hand	\$212.	

## Note

Uncollected Pew Rents Nov 1   '78	759.
do " " Nov 1   '79	640.50
Decrease	<u>118.50</u>

The Balance as per statement of Mr Cooke late Treas was reduced from \$887 85 by Gas Bills paid after Report was made amounting to \$10 50 making balance received by Mr McIlroy \$877 35-100 as per Report, adjourned

Henry I. Clark

Secretary

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 27, 1879.

A meeting of the First Presbyterian church congregation was held this day (Thanksgiving), immediately after the service, pursuant to notice duly given from the pulpit.

Mr. Henry A. Williams was chosen chairman, and William Nelson secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the congregation, held November 28, 1878, were read and approved.

Mr. Clark, of the Board of Trustees, stated that Mr. William Cooke, one of the Trustees, had resigned, and that the terms of Messrs. Socrates Tuttle, John V. Bentley and Benjamin Crane expired at this time.

Messrs. Benjamin Crane, William Cooke, Socrates Tuttle and John Bentley were nominated.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Robert Dalling and Henry I. Clark as tellers.

A ballot being taken resulted as follows :

Socrates Tuttle	19
John V. Bentley	18
Benjamin Crane	20
William Cooke	3
Scattering	1

The Chairman declared that Socrates Tuttle, Benjamin Crane and John Bentley, having received the highest number of votes, were duly elected Trustees for the ensuing two years.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,  
Secretary.

Paterson Dec 18th 1879

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr Jno Bentley Mr Samuel McIlroy, Mr H I. Clark

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Mr S. Tuttle President

Mr H I. Clark Secretary

Mr Saml McIlroy Treasurer

Mr Robt Dalling was reappointed collector for the ensuing year on the same terms as last year.

Geo Webster (coll) Janitor was retained on the same terms as last year

On motion the following committees were appointed for the ensuing year

## Music

Mr S. Tuttle, Mr H I. Clark, Mr S. V. S Muzzy  
General Supervision of Church Property

Mr John Bentley, Mr Saml McIlroy

On motion of Mr Bentley Resolved that one thousand dollars be appropriated for music for the ensuing year.

The music committee were notified to give the necessary notice to Prof Oborski to have expenses of choir conform to above resolution

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark  
Sec

Paterson Apl 2d 1880

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr B Crane Mr H I. Clark, Mr S. V. S. Muzzy, Mr S McIlroy

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr Muzzy, Resolved that Committee on music consult with Prof Oborski in regard to appropriation for music for the ensuing year,

On motion of Mr McIlroy Resolved, that this Board wave all claim to one hundred and seven dollars refunded by Mr Van Dyke late Treasurer to subscribers for Memorial Church, and concur with the Session of this Church, that said amount be appropriated to extend the mission-school,

Communication from Mr J C Christie Tuner of the Organ was received and referred to the Committee on music with power,

On motion of Mr Muzzy it was Resolved that ushers be appointed to seat strangers in the church.

On motion the following gentlemen were appointed ushers, Mr F. C. Van Dyck, Mr S. V. S. Muzzy Mr W. L. Clark, Mr W. G. Shields.

It was further Resolved that the ushers be authorized to seat strangers after the opening prayer in any unoccupied seats, unless owners shall object by notice to the ushers.

On Motion, Resolved that the Treasurer pay deficiency in assessment for Presbyterial Fund not to exceed \$22 48

On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that this Board appropriate one hundred & fifty dollars for Piano for our own Sunday School, providing the School shall first raise a sufficient amount to procure a good instrument and report the same to this Board, carried unanimously.

On motion adjourned.

Henry I. Clark  
Sec

Paterson Nov 15th 1880

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
 Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr B Crane, Mr H I. Clark. Mr S. V. S. Muzzy, Mr  
 Saml McIlroy, Mr Wm Ryle

The following communication was received from Mrs J S Tylee  
 Mr S. Tuttle

I understand there is to be a meeting of Trustees of First Pres-  
 byterian Church to night, and I would like you to present my request for a  
 raise of Salary of \$100.

Respectfully,

Mrs J S. Tylee

Nov 15th 1880.

On motion of Mr Crane Resolved that the communication be referred to  
 congregation at the annual meeting on Thanksgiving Day.

On motion of Mr Ryle Resolved that in as much as the Trustees have ex-  
 ceeded the appropriation of one thousand per annum for music by twenty  
 dollars for current year, they ask a vote of the congregation confirming or  
 repudiating the same

On motion of Mr Ryle Resolved in consideration of the past services of Mr  
 J O. Smith and his family to the First Presbyterian Church of this city, the  
 Board of Trustees of that church unanimously Resolve that he and his  
 family shall occupy the Pew No      now occupied by them so long as they  
 desire to occupy the same free of charge or consideration.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Mr J O. Smith  
 with the compliments of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian  
 Society.

The report of the Treasurer was was received and referred to auditing com-  
 mittee consisting of Mr Muzzy & Mr Clark.

Statement of the Income and expenditures of the First Presbyterian Society  
 in Paterson for the fiscal year ending Nov 1st 1880,

Income	
From Pew Rents collected to date	5,813.64
“ Sunday Collections	453.93
“ Return Premium on Ins	10.18
“ Sale of Grave in Cemetery	5.
“ Cash Balance as per last Report	212.
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Gross Income recd from Nov 1   79 to Nov 1   80	6,494.75
Expenditures.	
Salary of Pastor one year	3,000
do “ Choir “	1,020.

Salary of Janitor	260
do do Mission	96.
Int on Mtge on Mission	70.
Gas Bills	80.75
Printing Reports	4.50
Insurance	98.
J C Christie	15.
Deficiency in Presbyterial Fund coll	22.48
Taxes 1880	323.32
Coal	18.60
Lamps for Mission	18.70
Levi Van Blarcom	80.12
E B King & Co	149.63
Ira Hartley	7.05
Jno Norwood & Co	16.09
H. S. Blauvelt	15.29
Jas Tattersall	35.78
Florance Bros	7.57
D C Rider	201.82
Incidentals	33.55
R Dalling collector	116.28
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	5.690.53
Cash Balance on hand	804.22
Uncollected Pew Rents Nov 1   79	640.50
do " Nov 1   80	625.50
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Decrease	14.

## Statements of Addition to Mission School

Received	
Memorial Church Fund	349.
Concert by Mission School	73.61
Collected by H Wannamaker 12 Mrs Dunn 7	19.
Donations do 5 R Dalling 5	10.
F. C Van Dyke, 10 Dr Magie 10 E G Edwards 25	45.
Mrs C Edwards 25 S V S Muzzy 5 Mrs T Gould 10	40
Mrs R Redmond 10 Mrs H Van Winkle 5 Mrs Close 5	20
Mrs J Clark 5 Mrs Evans 1 Mrs Dalling 1	7
Mrs Bamber 5 Mrs R Barbour 10, Mrs J Booth 10	25.
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Mrs Wm Ryle 15	Mrs C Danforth 30,	Mrs Dunn 5	50.
Mrs Burnett 5	Derrom Bros 25,	B Crane 10	40
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			678 61
Expenditures			
Florance Bros	Carpenters Con		559.02
Derrom Bros	Architects		25.
B Crane			10.
Clock			4.
Ins for seats			3.39
F. C Van Dyke	72 chairs		72.
Cleaning			3.75
Moving organ			1.
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			678.16
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Balance			.45

On motion of Mr Ryle, Resolved that the report of the Treasurer after being audited, be printed for distribution among the members of the congregation and be distributed in the Pews of The First Presbyterian Church the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving Day.

On motion of Mr Ryle Resolved that on the receipt of one hundred & fifty dollars from the Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Sunday School that the Treasurer of The First Presbyterian Society is hereby authorized to draw his check for Three hundred dollars in payment for Piano for use of said Sunday School.

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark  
Sec

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 25, 1880.

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Society was held this day (Thanksgiving), immediately after the service, pursuant to notice duly given from the pulpit.

Mr. Henry A. Williams was chosen chairman, and William Nelson secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the congregation, held November 27, 1879, were read and approved.

Mr. Clark, of the Board of Trustees, announced that the terms of the following Trustees expired at this time:

William Ryle,



Henry I. Clark,  
 Samuel V. S. Muzzy and  
 Samuel McIlroy.

The foregoing gentlemen were all renominated, and there being no other nominations, they were unanimously re-elected, by acclamation, for the ensuing term of two years.

Mr. Clark stated that the Board of Trustees had adopted the following resolution:

“Resolved, That inasmuch as the Trustees have exceeded the appropriation of one thousand dollars per annum for music by twenty dollars for current year, they ask a vote of the congregation confirming or repudiating the same.”

Mr. Tuttle moved, as the sense of this meeting, that the action of the Board of Trustees, in expending \$1020 per year for music be approved.

Which was agreed to.

The following communication, received by the Board of Trustees, and by the Board referred to this meeting, was read:

“Mr. S. Tuttle: I understand there is to be a meeting of Trustees of First Presbyterian Church to-night, and I would like you to present my request for a raise of salary of \$100.

“Respectfully,

“Nov. 15th 1880.

Mrs. J. S. Tylee.”

Mr. Tuttle moved that Mrs. Tylee's salary be increased one hundred dollars.

Mr. Henry Muzzy moved as amendment that the matter be referred to the Board of Trustees with power.

Mr. Nelson moved as an amendment to the amendment that the Board of Trustees shall not expend more than eleven hundred dollars per year for music. Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Muzzy's amendment was also disagreed to.

The question recurring on Mr. Tuttle's motion—

Mr. Nelson moved as an amendment to refer the whole matter to the Board of Trustees with power, and that the Board be authorized to expend not more than eleven hundred dollars per year for music. Which was agreed to.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson Dec 9th 1880

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
 Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr B Crane Mr Wm Ryle, Mr H I. Clark.

On motion, The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with at this meeting.

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Mr S. Tuttle President

Mr H I. Clark Secretary

Mr Saml McIlroy Treasurer

The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year

Music

Mr S. Tuttle, Mr H I Clark, Mr S. V. S. Muzzy

General Supervision of Church Property

Mr Jno Bentley, Mr Saml McIlroy

On motion adjourned

Henry I Clark

Sec

Paterson Feby 10th 1881

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr B Crane Mr Jno Bentley, Mr Wm Ryle, Mr H I. Clark Mr Saml McIlroy, Mr S. V. S. Muzzy.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

On motion, Mr Robt Dalling was reappointed collector for the ensuing year on the same terms as last year.

Communication from Mrs J S. Tylee requesting an increase of salary was referred to music committee with power.

The President stated that Dr Magie wished him to call the attention of the Board to the matter of seats in Lecture Room.

On motion of Mr Bentley Resolved that a committee of three who are members of the Sunday School be appointed to select suitable seats for Sunday school and report at the next meeting of the Board. The Chair appointed the following com Mr S. V S Muzzy, Mr F. C Van Dyke, Mr W. G. Shields The President stated to meeting that a proposition had been made to purchase the property of the late Henry White decd for the sum of six thousand dollars, thereupon

On motion of Mr Crane Resolved that is the sense of this Board that it would be inexpedient for this Board to have the property left this society by the late Henry White decd sold during the life of his widow.

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark

Sec

Paterson Mch 17 | 81

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq

Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr Jno Bentley Mr Wm Ryle, Mr H I. Clark, Mr S. McIlroy Mr S. V. S. Muzzy

Mr Muzzy of committee appointed in regard to reseating the Lecture Room. Reported in favor of seating with chairs and further reported that they could purchase a good cane bottom chair at a cost not to exceed thirteen dollars a dozen to this society.

On motion the report was accepted.

On motion of Mr McIlroy Resolved the committee be requested to inquire in regard to the cost of perforated back and seated chairs and further report to this Board.

carried.

On motion of Mr Ryle Resolved that when this Board adjourns it adjourns to meet next Thursday evening Mch 24th.

On motion of Mr Ryle, Resolved that the resolution of the session of this church of Mch 3. 1881 be referred back to them respectfully we deeming we have no province in the matter and that this Board has decided not to take any action in reference thereto.

On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that Mr Bentley and Mr McIlroy be appointed a committee to select a janitor for the church in place of the present incumbent and report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion adjourned.

Henry I. Clark

Paterson Mch 24, 1881

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq

Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr J Bentley Mr S. V. S. Muzzy & Mr S. McIlroy  
Committee on chairs reported in favor of the Perforated Back and Seat Chair price in New York \$14 25 per dozen.

On motion of Mr S. Tuttle Resolved that the committee on chairs be empowered to seat the Lecture Room with Perforated chairs at the lowest price. carried

Committee on Janitor reported in favor of Robt Wilson as the most available person for the position.

On motion of Mr Tuttle Resolved that the committee on Janitor employ Robt Wilson at a salary of Three hundred & sixty five dollars per annum commencing Apl 1st 1881 carried

In reference to note of Rev Dr Magie of Mch 3d 1881 asking the authority of the Board of Trustees to apply the interest of the Devereaux fund to employ a supply for the Mission during the vacation of the Pastor.

Moved by Mr J Bentley that the resolution adopted at the last meeting in reference to the Devereaux fund be reconsidered. carried

On motion Resolved that the said resolution be rescinded carried.

On motion of Mr Tuttle Resolved that the income of the Devereaux Fund be appropriated from time to time as the same shall be received to the session of the church to be used by that body for the purpose mentioned by the donor in her will. carried

It was stated to the Board by the President that the wife of Mr Henry White now deceased desired to convey to the Board her life right in the Real Estate of her late husband, she to receive twenty five dollars per month and to have the use of the rooms she now occupies during her life. Thereupon it was Resolved that the matter be referred to the President (Mr Tuttle) and Mr B Crane with power carried

(signed) S McIlroy

sec pro-tem

Paterson Nov 10 | 81

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr J Bentley Mr B Crane, Mr S. McIlroy, H. I. Clark

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

The committee appointed to consider the proposition of Mrs White wife of Henry White decd Reported that they had conferred with Mrs White and had concluded that it would be unwise for the Board to take the title to her property during her life time, but that if she should become so infirm as to be incapable of taking care of it, that the Board would deem it their duty to take care of it for her, she to have the income.

The Report of the Treasurer for the year ending Nov 1 | 81 was received and referred to auditing committee consisting of Mr Muzzy, & Mr Clark, and the customary number of copies were ordered printed and distributed.

Statement of the Income and expenditures of The First Presbyterian Society in Paterson for the fiscal year ending Nov 1st 1881.

#### Income

Balance on hand Nov 1   80	804.17
From Sunday Collections	422.12
“ Pew Rent coll to date	5,743.05
“ Treas of S. School on acc Piano	152.
“ Sale of 24 Benches	24.
Gross Income recd from Nov 1   80 to Nov 1   81	7,145.34

## Expenditures

Salary of Pastor	3.000
"    Choir	1.040
"    sexton of church	322.25
"    do    chapel	96.
Int on Mortgage on Mission	70.
Piano for Sunday School	302.
Chairs "    do	295.
H S. Blauvelt	65
D C Rider	142.88
E B King & Co	86.64
J C Christie Tuning organ	15.
Deficiency in Presbyterian Fund	13.38
Insurance	46.50
Coal	133.35
Mower	17.
Jno Norwood & Co	31.86
Taxes 1881, 320 19 Gas 76.74	396.93
F C Van Dyke & Co 44 15 R Dalling Coll 114 86	159.01
Incidentals	121.33
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	6.354.13
Cash Balance on hand	791.21
Uncollected Pew Rents Nov 1   81	774.
do    "    Nov 1   80	625 50
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	148.50

On motion of Mr McIlroy Resolved that the Treasurer refund to Robt Dalling Collector Seventy three 01-100 dollars due him on note of Geo S. McCarter not paid, he having paid amount of said note to Treasurer by mistake.

On Motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark

Sec

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 24, 1881.

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Society was held this (Thanksgiving) day, immediately after the service, pursuant to notice duly given from the pulpit.

Mr. Henry A. Williams was chosen Chairman, and William Nelson, secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the congregation, held November 25, 1880, were read and approved.

Mr. Henry I. Clark, of the Board of Trustees, announced that the terms of office of the following Trustees expired at this time:\*

Socrates Tuttle,  
John V. Bentley,  
Benjamin Crane.

Also, that there was a vacancy to be filled, occasioned by the death of William Ryle, on the 5th inst.

On motion of F. C. Van Dyk, William T. Ryle was unanimously elected a Trustee in place of his father, for the unexpired term, one year.

The following persons were nominated for Trustees for the full term, and were balloted for with the result stated:

Socrates Tuttle	received	22 votes
Edmund G. Edwards	"	16 "
James Booth	"	14 "
Walter G. Shields	"	7 "
William Nelson	"	4 "
Stephen Van Winkle	"	3 "

The Chairman declared that Messrs. Socrates Tuttle, Edmund G. Edwards and James Booth having received the highest number of votes were duly elected Trustees for the ensuing two years.

There being no other business before the meeting, on motion adjourned.

Wm Nelson,

Secretary.

Paterson Dec 8th 1882

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
Present Mr S. Tuttle, H I. Clark Saml McIlroy; Samuel V. S. Muzzy, E G. Edwards, James Booth, & W. T Ryle.

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year,

Mr S. Tuttle President  
Mr H I. Clark Secretary  
Mr Saml McIlroy Treasurer

The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year

Music

Mr H I. Clark, Mr S. V. S. Muzzy Mr E G. Edwards.

General Supervision of Church Property

Mr Saml McIlroy, Mr Jas Booth

On motion, Mr Robt Dalling was reappointed collector for the ensuing year on the same terms as last year.

On motion of Mr McIlroy Resolved that one thousand and sixty dollars be appropriated for music for the ensuing year,  
On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark  
Sec

Paterson May 2d 1882

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
Present S. Tuttle, H I. Clark Saml McIlroy, Saml V. S. Muzzy E G. Edwards, Jas Booth, W. T. Ryle.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dissatisfaction with our present sexton Robt Wilson, was expressed by several members of the Board and on motion of Mr Muzzy, it was Resolved that the sexton be notified that his services will not be required after the 1st of June and that a committee of three be appointed to procure a suitable successor. carried

The chair appointed Mr Muzzy Mr McIlroy & Mr Edwards said committee  
On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that the subject of church ventilation be referred to committee on Church Property with power, carried

On motion of Mr Ryle Resolved that the subject of heating the Lecture Room be referred to committee on Church Property and they report further to this Board, carried.

On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that the committee on Church Property procure estimates informing this Board the lowest price for which the church can be painted and report as soon as possible at a future meeting carried.

On motion of Mr McIlroy Resolved that a committee be appointed to report what improvements are advisable in the Lecture Room to make our Sunday School more attractive and comfortable and the probable cost of said alterations, carried

The chair appointed Mr McIlroy Mr Muzzy & Mr Booth, said committee

On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that the Committee on Church Property be empowered to procure suitable trees and have the same planted in our church yard, carried

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark  
Sec

Paterson June 15 | 82

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
Present S. Tuttle, Saml McIlroy Jas Booth, S. V. S. Muzzy, W. T. Ryle E G. Edwards, H I. Clark.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.



The committee appointed to procure estimates of cost of painting the church, Lecture Room and Fences reported that they had received but one estimate in writing which was from Jno Norwood & Co who offered to do the work for Two hundred & seventy two 50 | 100 dollars, and a verbal offer from McLean Bros for Four hundred & twenty five dollars.

On motion of Mr Muzzy it was Resolved that the requirement of the use of Jewetts, or Atlantic White Lead be specified in the contract.

On motion it was Resolved that the committee be instructed to accept the proposal of Jno Norwood & Co as amended by motion of Mr Muzzy in regard to White Lead.

On motion it was Resolved that Mr Hartley be employed to repair the brick work and do the necessary pointing to put the church in a suitable condition for painting.

Mr Ryle offered to the Board as a gift a lot of Locust Posts which he thought would be suitable in repairing the fence around the church, and on motion it was Resolved that the said offer be accepted with the thanks of the Board if the committee find them suitable for the purpose.

On motion it was Resolved that the committee procure a new estimate from Florance Bros for carpenter work in repairing fence

On motion of Mr Muzzy it was Resolved that the committee on Church Property investigate and report the most feasible plan for alterations in Lecture Room for heating, water closet, and improvement for Sunday School and report the cost of said improvements to this Board.

On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that Mr Edwards be appointed an additional usher for Sunday evenings. carried

The committee appointed to procure a new sexton reported that they notified the sexton Mr Wilson that his services would not be required after the first of June and that they had secured the services of Mr Wm\* Strait to fill the vacancy, who had entered on his duty on the same terms as formerly paid one dollar per day he agreeing to fill the requirements of the office.

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark,  
Sec

Paterson Sept 11th 1882

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq

Present Mr S. Tuttle, II I. Clark Saml McIlroy, Saml V. S. Muzzy E. G. Edwards, Jas Booth.

Report of the committee on Lecture Room improvement presented a plan by Mr Jas Derrom, which was received and ordered to be placed on file and further consideration of the matter disposed of for the present.

\*Freeman, not William, Strait.

On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that the subject of heating the Lecture Room and construction of new flues be referred to the committee on church Property with power carried

On motion it was Resolved that committee on Church Property be empowered to do what is necessary to protect the cemetery on Vine St from the encroachments of parties who remove the sand and prosecute if necessary.

On motion of Mr Booth Resolved that Mr Saml McIlroy Treasurer be authorized to give the necessary receipt for collection of interest due this society.

Whereas, The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures by Mr Rossiter their agent having presented to this Board a communication in writing stating that the said Society having sold the Colt property on Market St which adjoins the property of The First Presbyterian Society to Dr Marsh, and having had a survey of same made find that the rear fence of the parsonage encroaches a few inches on the Colt property and asking that this Board take such action in reference to the matter as is just therefore; Resolved that the committee on Church Property take such steps as are necessary to have the true line ascertained and established, and that the said society have permission to remove so much of said fence as encroaches on the Colt property, upon the true line. carried

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark

Sec

Paterson Nov 17th 1882

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S Tuttle Esq

Present Mr S. McIlroy Mr Jas Booth H I. Clark, S. V. S. Muzzy, E. G Edwards Mr Booth was elected Chairman. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Mr R. Rossiter Sec asking for copy of resolution in regard to the true line between the Parsonage and Dr Marsh's property On motion the request was granted providing the President approved.

The Resignation of Mr Tasney\* as member of the Choir was received and on motion was referred to the committee on Music with power to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that the committee on Church Property be empowered to have the line of the old cemetery surveyed so that the true line may be established

\*Mr. Samuel Tasney, who sang bass.

A communication was received from Mr J C Christie offering to place a Jaques Motor (for Blowing Organ in Church) complete with sewer connection for Three hundred dollars On motion the subject was referred to music committee to investigate and report at a future meeting.

On motion of Mr Muzzy Resolved that Mr Wm Shorrock be added to the staff of ushers.

The report of the Treasurer was received and referred to auditing committee consisting of Mr Edwards, & Mr Clark

Statement of the Income and expenditures of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson for the fiscal year ending Nov 1st 1882

Income		Expenditures	
From Pew Rents collected to date	5,611.99	Salary of Pastor, one year	3,000
From Sunday collections	434.71	“ Choir “	1,060.
“ Sale of Graves in Cemetery	100.	“ Sexton “	365.
From cash Balance as per last report	791.21	“ Janitor Mission	50.
		Int on Mtge on Mission	70.
		H S. Blauvelt	10.12
		E. B. King & Co	101.51
		Florance Bros chapel	127.79
		do church	64.25
		J C Christie (organ)	20.
		Insurance	29.50
		Coal	114.85
		J Norwood & Co	317.72
		Taxes 1882	387.63
		Gas Bills	65.80
		Incidentals	180.17
		R Dalling Collector	112.24
		Jas Miller	15.
		G. D Voorhis	282.42
		D Stewart	74.
		Ira Hartley	127.37
		T Gerau	25.
		Cash Balance on hand	337.54
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Gross Income recd from Nov 1   81 to Nov 1   82	6,937.91		6937.91
Uncollected Pew Renis Nov 1   81 do “ Nov 1   82			774.
			1,089
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		Increase	\$315

## Statement of Uncollected Pew Rents

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J S. Barkalow	160.
D B. Fowler	48.
Mrs Dr Fenner	40.
A Derrom	209.
Geo Frost	39.
Wm Gledhill	56.
Mrs C Godden	138.
D C Rider	83.
C Steinhauser	45.
Geo Townley	36.
H A Williams	57.
Wm Williams	32.
Mrs Geo Wiley	51.
Mary Wiley	20.
Gehring	25.
Jas Ramsey	50.
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	\$1.089.

On motion Resolved that the usual number of copies of the Treasurers report be printed for distribution.

On motion of Mr Muzzy, Resolved that a committee be appointed to devise some means to enforce the collection of delinquent Pew and confer with the President and Collector in regard thereto.

Chair appointed Mr McIlroy & Edwards said committee.

On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark  
Sec

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 30, 1882.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Society was held this (Thanksgiving) day, in the church, immediately after the service, pursuant to due notice from the pulpit.

Mr. Henry A. Williams was chosen Chairman, and Mr. Wm. Nelson, secretary.

The minutes of the meeting held Nov. 24, 1881, were read and approved.

Mr Henry I. Clark, of the Board of Trustees, announced that the terms of office of the following Trustees expired at this time:

Samuel V. S. Muzzy,  
 Samuel McIlroy  
 William T. Ryle  
 Henry I. Clark.

Mr. Henry Muzzy nominated the gentlemen named, for re election, and there being no other nominations, on motion of Mr. Tuttle they were unanimously re-elected, by acclamation.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Trustees be authorized, if in their discretion it shall seem proper, to have the sermon preached this morning by our pastor, printed in pamphlet form, for distribution in the congregation.

Attention being called to the fact that the arrears of pew-rents on the 1st inst., amounted to \$1,089 there was considerable discussion on the subject, and it was stated that some pew-rents had not been paid in two or three years.

Mr. Tuttle moved that for the purpose of closing up the account of delinquent pew-rents, as far as possible, at the next renting of pews no pew shall be rented to any delinquent who is six months in arrears, and that public notice be given from the pulpit to the effect that all delinquents who are six months in arrears will be required to vacate their pews at the next annual renting, and that such pews will be then rented to others, unless any such delinquent shall show good cause to the Trustees why his or her pew ought not to be vacated.

A rising vote being taken, Mr. Tuttle's motion was agreed to, *nem. con*  
 Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson Jany 4. 1883.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.  
 Present Mess. Tuttle - Muzzy - Booth - Clark and Edwards.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

S. Tuttle—President

E. G. Edwards Secretary.

S. McIlroy Treasurer.

R. Dalling. Collector. on same terms as last year.

The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year.

Music—Mess Clark - Muzzy & Edwards.

General supervision of church property—Mess. McIlroy & Booth.

On motion of Mr. Clark resolved that one thousand and sixty dollars be appropriated for music for the ensuing year. carried.

Mr. Muzzy moved that the Secretary prepare notice in pursuance of resolution of the congregation at the annual meeting relative to delinquent pew renters, to be read by the pastor from the pulpit. carried.

Mr Clark moved that the collector be requested to furnish to the board a statement showing the number of pews—the amount that each pew rents for and the numbers of the pews at present vacant. carried.

Moved and seconded that the matter of purchasing a "motar" for blowing the organ in the church be laid over for the present. carried.

On motion adjourned.

E G. Edwards

Secy

Approved June 14th

Paterson June 14th 1883.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present Mess. Tuttle, Booth, Clark. Muzzy and Edwards.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Clark moved that the following notice signed by the President & Secretary be sent to the delinquent Pew-renters —

Whereas the following resolution was unanimously adopted at the annual meeting of the congregation held November 30th, 1882: "That for the purpose of closing up the account of delinquent pew rents, as far as possible, at the next renting of pews no pew shall be rented to any delinquent who is six months in arrears, and that public notice be given from the pulpit to the effect that all delinquents who are six months in arrears will be required to vacate their pews at the next annual renting and that such pews will be then rented to others, unless any such delinquent shall show good cause to the Trustees why his or her pew ought not to be vacated," and

Whereas at the specified time you were in arrears for more than six months in the payment of your pew rent—you are hereby notified that in pursuance of the said resolution your pew is declared vacant. carried.

Mr Tuttle presented a communication signed by John Wardle D. E. Waters and James Boice setting forth that the fence recently built by the Trustees along the line of the Presbyterian Cemetery across Essex St. had been placed on their property about ten feet from the true line as established by the City Surveyor, and by their deeds, and inasmuch as they were not responsible in any way for the trespassing upon the Cemetery property they respectfully requested the Trustees to have the fence placed on the lawful line.

Mr moved that the communication be placed on file and that the



Secretary be directed to inform the gentlemen, that if the fence had been placed on their property it was done so unintentionally—the line having been established for the Trustees by the City Surveyor and if any mistake had been made in setting the fence the Trustees would take immediate steps to have the same placed on the true line. Carried.

Mr. Muzzy moved that the committee on church property be requested to examine into the matter of heating the Church and report the most advisable plan to the board at the next meeting. Carried.

Mr. Booth moved that the application of Mr. Post for the position of Pianist at the Wednesday evening prayer meetings—at a salary of \$50 per annum be referred to the music committee to report at next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tuttle that the sexton be directed to lower the shades and open the windows of the church during the warm weather. Carried.

On motion adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary.

E. G. Edwards  
Secy

Paterson Aug. 16, 1883.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present—Mess. Tuttle, Booth, McIlroy Clark, Muzzy and Edwards.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Booth moved that Mr. McIlroy procure from Surveyor Hilton a written report as to whether the fence lately erected by the Trustees was placed on the true line as established by him and present the same at the next meeting. Carried.

The Committee on Church Property reported: The Furnace in Church worn out, and in their judgment it would be unwise to try and repair it.

On motion it was resolved that Mess. McIlroy-Booth-Clark and Muzzy be constituted a Committee to examine further into the matter of heating the Church and be empowered to employ some competent and reliable person to examine the present heater and report in writing the practicability of trying to repair the same, and if found impracticable to repair the present heater to report what a new one would cost, and the best place and manner of locating it.

On motion it was resolved to pay the bills for flowers, music and drapery used on the occasion of Dr. Hornblower's funeral.

On motion adjourned to meet Aug. 28, 1883.

E. G. Edwards  
Secy



Paterson Aug 30th 1883

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq  
Present S. Tuttle, Jas Booth Samuel McIlroy, H I. Clark S. V. S. Muzzy.  
Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.  
The following Report was received from Mess Hilton & Menger in regard  
to Cemetery line and ordered to be placed on file.

Paterson Aug 25. 1883

Mr Samuel McIlroy

Dear Sir

According to your request we investigated that alleged encroachment of cemetery fence between Market and Essex St and find the complaint well founded. The enclosed diagram will give you an idea of the true facts of the case, The circles on the full lines shows you the line we staked out, The dotted line shows the fence as built. There has been a stupid blunder by some one which you had better investigate.

Resptly Yours

Hilton & Menger

On motion Resolved that the committee on church Property have the cemetery fence removed to the established line, carried,

Reports on condition of the old Furnace was received from Mr Jno Bowering & Mr G. D. Voorhis

Mr Bowering made a verbal report to committee stating that Furnace could be repaired by rivoting boiler iron over the holes but said the result would be unsatisfactory. He could make no estimate of cost of repairing.

Mr G. D Voorhis made the following written report.

Paterson Aug 28 | 83

Mr S. McIlroy

My dear sir

In answer to your enquiry as to whether the Furnace in the First Pres Church could be repaired I would simply say that in my judgment it would be very unwise to spend any money on it as it is completely worn out in the service and should your committee undertake to repair it there would be no telling where to stop. Consequently, it would not only be unsatisfactory as to cost but would be a continual expense every year with no better result as regards heat than it has been in previous years. I would reccomend a new furnace with pipe large enough to heat the room without any doubt, so as to avoid the trouble of lighting fire two or three days before the Room is wanted, I have no doubt that you can burn coal enough to satisfy your people by burning it when you want to use the room instead of wasting it three or four days in advance

Respectfully

G D Voorhis

Report was made by committee on Steam Heating and a proposal was submitted by the Universal Steam Heating Co offering to set up Steam Heater Victor with pipe and radiators and heat church in zero weather to 70 deg Fahrenheit for Five hundred & sixty five dollars.

On motion adjourned to Sept 3d

Henry I. Clark

Sec pro tem

Paterson Sept. 10 | 83

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present Mess Tuttle-Clark-McIlroy-Booth-Muzzy and Edwards-

On motion reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Weymouth of the Universal Steam Heating Co. being introduced explained that his clerk in making out his proposition for heating the church had made a mistake of \$100 which amt he desired to add to the amount of his bid.

Mr. Weymouth was then given an opportunity to explain the merits of his apparatus.

On motion adjourned to meet Sept. 11. 1883 at 7 P. M.

E. G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson Sept 11 1883.

Meeting of Board of Trustees held at office of S Tuttle Esq.

Present, Mess. Booth, Tuttle, McIlroy, Muzzy and Clark.

Moved by Mr. McIlroy that we accept the proposition of the Universal Steam Heating Co. carried.

Mr McIlroy then offered the following resolution which was adopted—

Resolved—That the Universal Steam Heating Company be notified that the Board of Trustees accept their proposal for heating the church, for the price \$665.00 upon condition that the Company will give the Board ninety days time from the completion of the work to test its fitness for the purpose for which it is constructed the Board agreeing to pay legal interest on the money for that length of time.

On motion adjourned.

E. G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson Nov. 8. 1883.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present, Mess. Tuttle-Booth-McIlroy-Muzzy Ryle and Edwards.

Minutes of the meetings of Aug 30th and Sept. 10th & 11th were read and approved.

Mr. Hindles bill for expenses of the funeral of the late Dr Wm. H. Hornblower was presented and read

Mr Muzzy stated that there appeared to be a desire on the part of a number of the Congregation that the Trustees should pay this bill. A vote being taken—it was unanimously decided to pay the same.

Mr. McIlroy then offered the following:

Whereas—It has come to the knowledge of this Board that the widow of the late Henry White has, by reason of her advanced age and impaired health and weakened mind, become incapable of taking care of herself or her property which will become the property of this board upon her death under provisions of the will of the late Henry White—

Resolved that the Board of Trustees assume the care of Mrs. White and her property, with her consent during her life—and defray the expenses of her maintenance, and that a committee of two be appointed to carry the above into effect.

Unanimously adopted.

The President appointed Dr Magie and Mr McIlroy said committee.

On motion adjourned.

E G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 29, 1883.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Society was held this (Thanksgiving) day, in the church, immediately after the service, pursuant to due notice from the pulpit.

Mr. Henry A. Williams was chosen chairman, & Mr. Wm. Nelson, secretary.

The minutes of the meeting held Nov. 30, 1882, were read and approved.

It was announced that the terms of office of the following Trustees expired at this time:

Socrates Tuttle

Edmund G. Edwards

James Booth.

On motion, the said Trustees were renominated and unanimously re-elected, by acclamation.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,

Secretary.

Paterson Jany 24. 1884

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Lecture Room.

Present Mess. Tuttle—Booth—Clark—McIlroy—Muzzy & Edwards—

Minutes of meeting Nov. 8. 1883 were read and approved.

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

S. Tuttle. President.

E. G. Edwards. Secretary

S. McIlroy Treasurer.

On motion Robert Dalling was appointed Collector of Pew Rents on same terms as last year.

The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year.

Music—Clark, Muzzy & Edwards

General Supervision of Church Property—Edwards, McIlroy & Booth.

Moved by Mr Booth that Eleven hundred dollars be appropriated for music. carried.

Moved by Mr. Clark that Mr. Strait be employed as sexton on same terms as last year, so long as he gives satisfaction.

The Committee appointed to look after the affairs of Mrs. White, widow of Henry White, reported that they had conferred with Mrs. White and found her unwilling to entrust the care of herself and her property to this Board.

Complaints having been made of the inconvenience experienced by holders of the side pews from the extreme heat it was resolved that the Committee on General Supervision of Church Property be authorized to adopt the best means of shielding the side pews from the direct influence of the steam pipes.

On motion of Mr. Clark it was resolved that this Board have four quarterly meetings and appoint for time of holding such meetings the last Thursday of January–April–July and October.

Mr. Booth stated that Complaint had been made by residents in the vicinity of the Church of the annoyance suffered by the ringing of the Church bell.

On motion it was resolved that the President confer with the session on the subject of dispensing with the ringing of the bell.

On motion adjourned

E G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson April 24. 1884.

Meeting of Board of Trustees held at Lecture Room.

Present, Mess Tuttle–Clark–McIlroy Booth and Edwards.

Minutes of meeting Jan'y 24 1884 were read and approved.

Mr Tuttle reported having written to the Session of the Church regarding the ringing of the bell and received in reply letter refering matter back to Trustees for action.

Mr Clark moved that the time for ringing of the bell for service be reduced to the following:

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Sunday morning Ten minutes

" evening Five "

Wednesday " " "

and the ringing on Friday evening to be dispensed with. carried.

Mr Clark also moved that Sexton be authorized to try experiment of covering clapper of bell with leather in order to soften sound. carried.

On motion of Mr. Clark the sum of One hundred dollars was appropriated for the purpose of carpeting, and making such other improvements as committee on Church Property deemed proper in small room in Lecture Room used for Bible class etc.

The subject of improving appearance of entrance to small ante room of Church was left to Committee on Church Property with power—

on motion adjourned

E G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson July 31. 1884.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at Lecture Room.

Present, Mess. Clark, Booth McIlroy, Edwards and Muzzy.

On motion Mr Clark was chosen to be Chairman.

Minutes of Meeting held April 24th 1884 were read and approved.

Committee on Church Property reported progress in matter of improvements to be made, in appearance of small room, used for Board Meetings, Bible Class etc.

The Treasurer reported gratifying success in collection of Pew-rents.

A communication was received from W. S. Porter relative to cleaning carpets & cushions in the church and the same was referred to the Com. on Church Property.

On motion the Com. on Church Property was authorized to take up the registers, formerly used for heating the church and have floor laid in the openings.

A Communication was received from Mr. Christie stating that the organ in church needed cleaning and proposing to clean the same for \$60. on motion the matter was referred to Music Com.

A communication was received from Dr Magie, setting forth that it was the desire of the Session that the Board of Trustees make an appropriation to pay Mr. Post for singing at the Prayer Meetings for the past year and also to provide singing for those services in future. On motion of Mr. Muzzy the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr. Post a sum, not to exceed \$50, for past services, in full to date, and take his receipt therefore.

On motion adjourned.

E G. Edwards

Secy

Appvd Oct. 22 | 84

Paterson Sept 25 | 84.

Special Meeting of Board of Trustees held at office of S Tuttle Esq.

Present, Mess. Tuttle-Booth-Clark-Ryle Muzzy & Edwards.

On motion reading of minutes of meeting held July 31 | 84 was dispensed with.

Mr Tuttle stated object for which the meeting had been called: to consider the following letter received from Mrs. White

To the Trustees of the

First Presbyterian Church

Gentlemen—

In view of the condition of the property on Broadway, which I now occupy, and which reverts to you on my death; my growing infirmities from advancing years making me incapable of looking after the repairs and rents; the difficulty of securing tenants, who will give me necessary care; and the disturbance, which I have reason to expect from the building recently erected\* against the rooms which I occupy, I earnestly ask you to enable me to dispose of this property, and to invest the proceeds in such a way that my maintenance can be secured. The contents of this paper I have fully understood and I now sign it with a clear apprehension of its meaning—

Paterson Sept 20 | 84.

signed Maria White.

The above paper I have read and explained to Mrs White, and I certify that she signed the same of her own free will.

It is my conviction that the sale of this property will secure her greater comfort than any attempt to preserve it to her in its present condition can do.

(signed) David Magie.

Paterson

Sept 20 1884.

After considerable discussion on motion it was decided to appoint a committee to confer with Dr. Magie relative to the most advisable action to be taken by the Board of Trustees and report at next meeting.

The President appointed at such committee Mess. Booth Ryle & Edwards.

On motion adjourned.

E G. Edwards

Appvd Oct 22 | 84

Secy.

Paterson Oct. 22 1884.

Meeting of Board of Trustees held at office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present Mess. Tuttle-McIlroy-Clark & Edwards.

\*Apollo Hall, on Van Houten street.



Minutes of meetings July 31 | 84 & Sept. 25 | 84. were read and approved. The Secy. as one of the committee appointed to confer with Dr Magie relative to the application of Mrs. White reported progress, and it was thought best by the members present to postpone consideration of that subject until a future meeting when a full Board could be present.

Mr McIlroy moved that a pew in the Gallery on south side of the church be fitted with carpet & cushion for Mr. Post the use of which he agrees to accept in lieu of compensation for services as chorister at Wednesday evening prayer meetings as long as he continues to act in such capacity. carried.

On motion adjourned

E G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson Nov. 13, 1884.

Meeting of Board of Trustees held at office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present Mess. Tuttle-Booth-Clark-Ryle Muzzy & Edwards.

On motion reading of minutes of meeting Oct. 22 | 84 was dispensed with.

On motion-Resolved that this meeting adjourn to Monday eve. 17th inst provided Treasurer will be ready with his report-otherwise to Tuesday 18th inst.

The Committee on Mrs. White's affairs reported: They had conferred with Dr. Magie and had called upon Mrs. White and found that she no longer desired that the property should be sold-but wanted the Board to relieve her of all care and responsibility by assuming control of the property, collecting the rents etc. and allow her the use of the rooms that she now occupies and Four hundred dollars (\$400) p. annum. The Committe felt that owing to the changeable condition of Mrs. White's mind they could not suggest any arrangement which would ultimately prove satisfactory to both parties.

On motion-the further consideration of this subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion adjourned E G Edwards

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Paterson Nov 18th 1884

Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the office of S. Tuttle Esq

Present Mr S. Tuttle, Mr Jas Booth, Mr H I. Clark, Mr. Saml McIlroy, Mr. S. V. S Muzzy.

Minutes of the meetings held Oct 22d & Nov 13th were read and approved. The report of Treasurer was received and referred to auditing committee consisting of Mr Muzzy, & Mr Clark.

Statement of the Income and expenditures of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson N J for the fiscal year ending Nov 1st 1884.



Income		Expenditures	
From Pew Rents collected to date		Salary of Pastor one year	3,000.
	5,372 71	do " choir "	1,105.
" Sunday collections	379.84	do " Janitor "	366.
" Sale of Cemetery Lots	213.	Interest on Bond & Mtge	30.
" Int on Devereaux Fund	60.	Gas Bills	127.65
" Cash balance as per last		Passaic Water Co	24.
Report	87.85	Coal Bills	142.50
		Pulpit Supply	60.
		Universal Steam Heating Co	371.52
		Jno H Hindle	101.45
		J C Christie	16.50
		Van Saun & Muzzy	52.04
		G. D Voorhis	258.59
		H S. Blauvelt	47.99
		Martin Post	50.
		A Cellarius	40.
		Florence Bros	29.29
		E B King & Co	129.25
		Incidentals	106.50
		R Dalling collector	107.05
		Insurance	60.
Gross Income Recd from Nov			
1   83 to Nov 1   84	6,113.40		\$6225.33
		Balance due Treasurer	111.93

Statement of R. Dalling Collector of parties in arrears for Pew Rent.

J S. Barkalow	220.
Est of D Bamber	30.
Andrew Derrom	326.
Mrs Wm Gledhill	70.
H. Romaine	63.
D C Rider	57.
Townley	88.
Mrs Thrift	45.
Mrs Singleton	58.50
S. P. Van Winkle	57.
H A Williams	51.
Wm Williams	97.50

J S. Tylee  
Mrs Geo Wylie

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On motion adjourned

Henry I. Clark

Sec pro tem

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 27, 1884.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Society of this city was held this day (Thanksgiving), in the church, immediately after the morning service, pursuant to due notice from the pulpit.

Mr. Henry A. Williams was chosen chairman, and Mr. William Nelson, Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the congregation held November 29, 1883, were read and approved.

It was announced that the terms of office of the following Trustees expired at this time, and that Mr. Ryle had accepted an election as Trustee of the new Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer, and therefore expected to retire from the Board of Trustees of this church:

Henry I. Clark  
Samuel V. S. Muzzy  
Samuel McIlroy  
William T. Ryle.

The following gentlemen were nominated for Trustees, and unanimously elected, by acclamation:

Peter Adams  
Henry I. Clark  
Samuel V. S. Muzzy  
Samuel McIlroy.

On motion of Mr. Tuttle, the Board of Trustees was authorized to fill any vacancies occurring in the Board during the year.

The Treasurer presented the following annual report, for the year ending Nov. 1, 1884:

Income.		Expenditures.	
Balance as per last report	\$ 87 85	Pastor's salary.....	\$3,000 00
Pew rents collected to date.	5,352 71	Choir salary.. ..	1,105 00
Collections.....	402 46	Sexton... ..	366 00
Interest on bond.....	60 00	Gas bills.....	117 74
Sale of cemetery lots.....	213 00	Water rent.....	24 00
		Coal.....	142 50
		Pulpit supplies.....	60 00

	Insurance.....	60 00
	Int.on bond Westm'r Chapel	60 00
	Robt. Dalling.....	107 05
	Universal St'm Heating Co.	371 52
	J. H. Hindle.....	101 45
	J. C. Christie.....	16 50
	Van Saun & Muzzy.....	52 04
	G. D. Voorhis.....	258 59
	H. S. Blauvelt.....	47 99
	Martin Post.....	50 00
	A. Cellarius.....	40 00
	Florance Bros.....	29 29
	E. B. King & Co.....	129 25
	Incidentals.....	108 01
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	\$6,116 02	
Balance due Treas.....	130 91	
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	\$6,246 93	\$6,246 93

Pew rents due, \$1,296 00

Samuel McIlroy, Treas.

The report was received and adopted.

By request, the Treasurer made some verbal explanations of several items in his report.

On motion, adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson Jan'y 29th 1885

Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the office of S. Tuttle Esq.

Present, Mess Tuttle-Clark-McIlroy Edwards Booth.

Minutes of Meeting Nov. 18 1884 were read and approved.

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

S. Tuttle Prest

E. G. Edwards Secy

S. McIlroy Treas

On motion Robert Dalling was re-appointed Collector of Pew-rents on same terms as last year.

On motion Mr. Strait was re-appointed Sexton on same terms as last year,

On motion of Mr. Booth-John H. Hogan was unanimously elected a member of the Board, to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Mr. Peter Adams to act in that capacity.

The following Committees were appointed for the ensuing year.

Music-Clark-Muzzy & Edwards-

General Supervision of Church Property Hogan-McIlroy & Edwards

On motion of Mr. Clark it was decided to have a Finance Committee

The Chairman appointed Mess Clark & Edwards as such Committee.

On motion of Mr Clark the Treasurer was requested to keep a separate account of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the Sandy Hill Cemetery.

On motion—the sum of Eleven hundred dollars was appropriated for music.

Mr. Clark moved that the Treasurer and Collector furnish to the Board at the Quarterly Meetings a report showing the condition of affairs in their respective departments.

Mr Clark moved that the Collector be requested to endeavor to collect enough money to meet all debts as soon after Feby 1st 1885 as possible.

On motion adjd.

E G. Edwards.

Paterson Feby \*4. 1885.

Special Meeting of Board of Trustees held at the Lecture Room.

Present, Mess. Booth—Clark—McIlroy Muzzy & Edwards.

Mr. H. I. Clark was chosen to be Chairman and stated the object for which the meeting was called: to take such action as might be thought proper in reference to the death of the President of the Board—Mr. S. Tuttle.†

On motion—the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Muzzy—it was resolved that a committee of two be appointed to draft suitable resolutions relative to the death of the President.

The Chairman appointed as such committee Mess. Muzzy & Edwards.

Mr Muzzy stated that Miss Frost had resigned her position in the choir and that Prof. Oborski desired to engage Miss Graham to fill her place. On motion the matter was referred to the Music Committee.

On motion adjourned

E G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson April 30 1885

Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Lecture Room.

Present Mess Clark—Booth—McIlroy Muzzy and Edwards.

On motion Mr. Clark was chosen to act as Chairman.

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\*Doubtless should be February 14.

†Socrates Tuttle, born in Colebrook, Coos County, New Hampshire, November 19, 1819, died suddenly at Paterson, New Jersey, February 12, 1885. He removed from his native state to Monmouth County, New Jersey, in 1841, where he taught school for three years, when he removed to Paterson and studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1848. For many years before his death he was one of the leading lawyers of this section of the State. He was elected Mayor of Paterson in 1871 for a term of two years. He served in the State Legislature in 1861 and 1862. He was a valuable citizen, and a good man.

Minutes of Meetings of Jan'y 29th and Feby 4 | 85 were read and approved. Mr. H. I. Clark was nominated to be President of the Board, and a vote being taken—Mr. Clark was unanimously elected.

The Treasurer presented report for 6 mos. ending Apr. 20 | 85 which on motion was referred to the Finance Com. and if found correct to be spread on minutes.

The Committee appointed to draft resolutions to be presented to the family of our late President—Mr. Tuttle, reported that they had presented the following: "Whereas the hand of Divine Providence has removed our late President—the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church desirous of testifying their respect for his memory and expressing their earnest and affectionate sympathy with the household deprived by this dispensation of its earthly head, therefore be it—

Resolved—that we sincerely condole with the family of our deceased President in their hour of trial and affliction and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best and looks with pitying eye upon the widow and fatherless—

Resolved—that in our natural sorrow for the loss of an able and faithful leader we find consolation in the belief that it is well with him for whom we mourn.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased as a token of our respect and veneration for the Christian character of a good man gone to his rest and of the interest felt by his late associates in the Board of Trustees in one whom they loved and honored as their President for the past ten years"

On motion the report of the Committee was ordered spread in full upon the minutes—and the Committee discharged with the thanks of the Board

Mr. McIlroy moved that the Executor of the estate of the late S. Tuttle be requested to deliver to Mr. H. I. Clark—the newly elected President of the Board of Trustees, all the Papers and Personal Property of the Board—held by the late S. Tuttle. carried

Mr. McIlroy stated that it had been brought to his knowledge that certain lots had been sold to parties in the Sandy Hill Cemetery—without the Board be acquainted with the same—and he understood that Mr. Charles Tuttle had received payment for the same.

On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Church Property to investigate.

Mr. Muzzy moved that the Collector of Pew-rents be requested to furnish the Board with a correct list of the Pew renters to facilitate the revising of the register used by the ushers in the Church. carried.

On motion of Mr. Booth—Mr. John Sanderson was unanimously elected

a member of this Board to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Mess. Adams & Hogan.

On motion of Mr Muzzy-Mr. William Nelson was unanimously elected a member of this Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. S. Tuttle.

On motion adjourned

E G. Edwards

Paterson April 30. 1885.

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees called by the President-

Present-Mess. Clark-McIlroy-Muzzy and Edward-

On motion of Mr. McIlroy- the Secretary was directed to notify the Registrar of the Treasury of the United States of the election of Mr. Henry I. Clark to be President of this Board-vice Mr. Tuttle deceased-and request him to forward to Mr. Henry I. Clark President-the interest falling due upon one Gov. Currency 6 per cent Bond-the property of this Church.

On motion adjd.

E G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson July 31 | 85

Regular Quarterly meeting of Board of Trustees-held at Lecture-room

Present Mess. Clark-McIlroy-Sanderson Nelson & Edwards.

Minutes of Meeting held Ap. 30 | 85 were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported sufficient funds on hand to pay salaries Aug 1 | 85. balance on hand \$957. after paying Mess. Crooks & Strait.

The Treasurer also reported having received \$115. from Mr. C. M. Tuttle for lots sold in Cemetery.

Mr. McIlroy moved that we have a new map of the Cemetery and that as far as possible the names of lot owners be marked thereon-carried

Mr. Sanderson moved that a sign be placed in the Cemetery-directing persons desirous of purchasing lots to apply to the Secretary-carried

Mr. McIlroy moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a deed to be used in the disposal of lots. carried-and that 250 copies of the same be printed, Cd. The President appointed Mess. Nelson & Edwards.

on motion adjourned.

E G Edwards, Secy.

Paterson Oct. 29th, 1885.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Lecture Room.

Presents Mess. Clark-McIlroy-Sanderson-Nelson-Muzzy & Edwards

Minutes of Meeting held July 31 1885 were read & approved.

Committee on Church Property reported progress in the matter of preparing

new map of the Cemetery, as did also the special committee on preparing deed to be used in the disposal of lots in the Cemetery.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson the reports were received and the committees requested to finish their work as soon as possible.

The Treasurer presented memorandum report showing balance on hand at present time \$572.57

On motion of Mr. Sanderson the report was referred to the Finance Committee to be examined in connection with Annual Report to be made by the Treasurer Nov. 1. 1885.

On motion the Committee on Church Property were directed to investigate the matter of sewer assessments on all of the Church Property and report to the Board at next meeting.

The Treasurer stated that it was not likely that he would have sufficient funds on hand to meet salaries and other payments falling due Nov. 1. 1885 and that the deficiency would amount to \$300 or \$400.

Mr. Sanderson moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow sufficient funds in their judgment not exceeding \$500. to meet the payments necessary to be made on Nov. 1. 1885. and the President be authorized to sign a note for the same.

Carried.

Mr. Muzzy moved that a list be furnished to the Board at the next meeting showing the names of those pew-renters who are in arrears, and the amounts owing by them.

Carried.

Mr. McIlroy presented tax bills, on property of Mrs. White, amounting to \$116.69 which she stated she was unable to pay, and asked the Board to pay.

Mr. Nelson moved that action on the same be indefinitely postponed.

Carried.

The Treasurer reported that he had received a notice from the Street Superintendent regarding sidewalks at the Cemeteries.

The President appointed Mr. McIlroy & Mr. Nelson a committee to investigate the matter and report to the Board.

Mr. Sanderson moved that the regulating of the shades on the Church windows be left to the President also that the sexton be instructed to leave the gas burning as brightly as possible throughout the evening service.

Carried.

On motion adjourned to meet Nov. 12. 1885.

E G. Edwards,

Secy.

Paterson Nov. 12th 1885.

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Lecture Room.

Present, Mess. Clark-Sanderson-Nelson Booth-McIlroy & Edwards.



Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Oct. 29th, 1885 were read & approved.

Committee on Church Property reported progress in the matter of preparing New Map of Cemetery.

Mr Sanderson moved that the Committee continue and use their best judgment in establishing the dividing line between the two Cemeteries.\*

carried.

Committee on Deed reported progress. on motion report was received and Committee continued.

Committee on Church Property reported that from advice they had received from different sources, they were of the opinion that the Board could not be compelled to pay the sewer taxes charged against the Church Property and the Cemeteries

On motion of Mr. Nelson it was decided to be the sense of the Board that the Treasurer do not pay the Sewer taxes so charged.

On Motion—Mr Nelson was requested to act with the Committee on Church Property to petition the City Authorities to remit the sewer taxes charged against the Cemeteries & Church Property—to which he consented.† Mr. Nelson reported for the Committee on sidewalks at the Cemeteries—that a compromise had been effected and the city would be satisfied if the walk on the south side of Market St be flagged, and the estimated cost of the same would be about \$204.00

On motion the report was received and it was decided that the Board take no action at the present time but allow the city to do the work if they so desire.‡

The President reported that he had signed note at 30 days for \$400, and that the same had been discounted to enable Treasurer to pay debts falling due Nov. 1, 1885.

The report of the Treasurer for the the year ending Nov. 1, 1885 was received and referred to the Auditing Committee consisting of Mess. Clark & Edwards.

Samuel McIlroy In acct. with First Presbyterian Church of Paterson.

Income.		Expenditures.	
Pew Rents	\$5457.75	Dr. Magie	\$3,000.
Collections	342.57	F. Oborski	300.
Int. on Bond	30.	Mrs. Tylee.	300.
Presidents note	400.	Jas. Tasney	50.

\*The Presbyterian cemetery on the north side of Market street, and the Methodist Episcopal cemetery on the south side of Willis street.

†The sewer assessments were ultimately compromised for one dollar in each case—on the church site, the parsonage, and each of the cemeteries.

‡The city did the work, and the Board of Trustees paid the bill.

Jas. Crooks	200.
N. P. Andruss.	150.
Mary Frost	37.50
Mrs. Bate	37.50
Miss R. Graham	75.
Freeman Strait	365.
Gas Co.	107.60
Water Co.	24.
Collier & Co.	99.45
Jas. Norwood & Co	50.58
Int. on Mortgage	60.
Jas. C. Christie	15.
Insurance	40.
H. S. Blauvelt.	51.25
Pulpit Supplies	45.62
Wm. Carshore	163.07
F. C. Van Dyk & Co	148.93
David Henry	48.08
G. D. Voorhis	23.80
E. B. King & Co.	37.60
Muzzy Bros.	11.66
Rogerson & Beaumont	3.10
Taxes—1884.	356.77
Incidentals	38.66
J. Sharpe	16.70
R. Dalling	109.15
Bal. due Treas. per last report	130.91

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\$6230.32

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\$6096.93

Bal. on hand \$133.39

Mr. Nelson moved that the interest on the Devereaux fund as it accumulates be deposited in the Paterson Savings Institution subject to future disposition by the Board. carried.

On motion—the consideration of the matter of delinquent pew-renters was laid over until after congregational meeting Nov. 26. 1885.

On motion adj—

E G. Edwards.

Secy.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 26, 1885.

The annual meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Society of this city was held this day (Thanksgiving), in the church, immed-

ately after the morning service, pursuant to due notice from the pulpit.

Mr. Henry A. Williams was chosen President, and Mr. Wm. Nelson, secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the congregation held November 27, 1884, were read and approved.

It was announced that the terms of office of the following Trustees expired at this time:

James Booth  
E. G. Edwards  
Wm. Nelson

The above gentlemen were nominated, and there being no other nominations they were unanimously elected for the term of two years.

The annual report of the Treasurer was presented and ordered to be entered on the minutes, as follows:

Samuel McIlroy, Treasurer, in account with the First Presbyterian Church, of Paterson.

Income.		Expenditures.	
Pew Rents.....	\$5,457 75	Dr. Magie .....	\$3,000 00
Collections.....	342 57	F. Oborski .....	300 00
Interest on Bond.....	30 00	Mrs. Tylee.....	300 00
Cemetery Lots.....	195 00	Jas. Tasney.....	50 00
President's Note.....	400 00	Jas. Crooks.....	200 00
		N. P. Andruss.....	150 00
		Mary Frost.....	37 50
		Mrs. Bate.....	37 50
		Miss R. Graham.....	75 00
		Freeman Strait.....	365 00
		Gas Co.....	107 60
		Water Co.....	24 00
		Collier & Co.....	99 45
		Jno. Norwood & Co.....	50 58
		Interest on Mortgage.....	60 00
		Jas. C. Christie.....	15 00
		Insurance.....	40 00
		H. S. Blauvelt.....	51 25
		Pulpit Supplies.....	45 62
		Wm. Carshore.....	163 07
		F. C. Van Dyk & Co.....	148 93
		David Henry .....	48 08
		G. D. Voorhis.....	23 80
		E. B. King & Co .....	37 60
		Muzzy Bros .....	11 66

Rogers & Beaumont.....	3 10
Taxes, 1884 .....	356 77
Incidentals.....	38 66
J. Sharpe.....	16 70
R. Dalling.....	109 15
Florence Bros.....	32 41
Balance Due Treas. Last Report .....	130 91
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	\$6,129 34
Cash Balance.....	295 98

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Pew Rents in Arrears, \$2,064 75

Samuel McIlroy, Treasurer.

On motion, adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,  
Secretary.

Paterson, Jan'y 7th 1886.

Special meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Lecture Room.

Present, Mess. Clark-Booth-Sanderson-Nelson-Muzzy & Edwards.

Minutes of meeting held Nov. 12 | 85 were read & approved.

Minutes of Congregational Meeting held on Thanksgiving Day Nov.  
26 | 85 were also read.

On motion-the following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

Henry I. Clark President,

Wm. Nelson, Secretary,

E. G. Edwards, Treasurer.

On motion-Mr. Robert Dalling was re-appointed collector of pew-rents on same terms as last year.

On motion-Mr. Strait was re appointed sexton on same terms as last year.

The following committees were appointed by the President for the ensuing year:

Music-Mess. Muzzy-Booth & Nelson.

General Supervision of Church Property-Mess. Sanderson McIlroy & Edwards.

Finance-The President & Secretary.

Mr. Muzzy moved that the thanks of the Board be tendered to the retiring Treasurer and Secretary for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have fulfilled the duties of their offices

carried.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Treasurer be directed to open an account as Treasurer—in either of the National Banks of this city—as he may prefer—and deposit all receipts in said account and pay bills by check from the same—

carried.

On motion—the sum of Eleven hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for Music for the ensuing year.

Mr. Nelson—reported in the matter of the sewer taxes on the Cemetery property “Progress,” and presented copy of petition that had been presented to the Board of Alderman, which he felt assured would have the desired effect.

On motion—The report was received—the committee continued and the copy of petition placed on file.

Mr. Booth moved the matter of delinquent pew renters—be referred to the President Secy & Treas. to report at next meeting. carried.

On motion of Mr. Booth the Treasurer was directed to take charge of all collections—and when collections are taken for any purpose other than regular church expenses—to pay the same to the proper persons and take receipt for the same.

On motion adjourned—

E G. Edwards

Secy.

Paterson, N. J., January 28, 1886.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening, at the residence of the President, 158 Division street.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Sanderson, Muzzy, Edwards, McIlroy, Booth and Nelson.

The minutes of the special meeting held January 7 were read and approved.

The report of Mr. McIlroy, late Treasurer, was presented, received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Music Committee reported progress.

The Committee on Church Property reported that on Sunday evening, January 17, a fire had broken out in the roof of the Lecture Room, causing a damage which had been adjusted at \$1200 on the building, and \$157.50 on furniture, and the company had paid \$1344—the amount of loss, less sixty days' interest. Mr. Edwards, the new Treasurer, had received the money and deposited it to the account of the Treasurer, in the First National Bank. The furniture was removed to the church temporarily, but subsequently had been stored in one of Mr. Benjamin Crane's buildings. The old policy expired Jan. 24; a new policy had been taken out for \$1500 on the building, \$250 on the piano, \$50 on books and \$300 on chairs. The

building would need a new roof and perhaps a new floor and other repairs, to restore it to its former condition.

Mr. Muzzy moved that the report be received and the thanks of the Board voted to the Committee, and especially to Mr. Edwards, for the able and expeditious manner in which the business had been transacted. Agreed to.

The following list of delinquent pew-holders on November 1, 1885, was presented and the several cases disposed of as stated:

James Brownley,	passed		
John S. Barkalow,	referred to President and Treasurer		
Charles D. Beckwith,	passed		
Mrs. Barnes,	"	"	"
Mrs. Corwin,	transferred to profit and loss		
Mrs. Henry Doremus,	referred to President and Treasurer		
James Draney,	"	"	"
Andrew Derrom,	"	"	"
John H. Goetschius,	"	"	"
Mrs. D. Bamber,	"	"	"
Mary Kane,	transferred to profit and loss		
Isaac McGee,	"	"	"
Daniel C. Rider,	referred to the Secretary		
George Townley,	Treasurer to credit coal-bill on account		
Mrs. Singleton,	referred to President and Treasurer		
Simon P. Van Winkle,	"	"	"
Wm. H. Williams,	"	"	"
Mrs. Geo. Wylie,	"	"	"
Mrs. Mary Wylie,	transferred to profit and loss		
George S. McCarter,	referred to President and Treasurer		
J. S. Tylee,	"	"	"
Mrs. Coulter,	"	"	"
Helmas Romaine,	"	"	"
James Ramsey,	"	"	"
Mrs. Dr. Fenner,	"	"	"
Mrs. Coles,	transferred to profit and loss		
Steinhauser,	"	"	"
Mrs. Lyons,	"	"	"
Thomas Dunlop,	"	"	"

The subject of the Sunday school building was then discussed, and finally it was

*Resolved*, That a meeting of the congregation be called to express their views in regard to repairing or rebuilding, and how much they would favor

expending for either purpose, the meeting to be held next Wednesday night, at eight o'clock, in the church.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 3, 1886.

A special meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Society was held this evening, in the church, pursuant to the following notice given from the pulpit last Sunday:

"The Board of Trustees desire that a meeting of the Congregation shall be held on Wednesday evening next, at 8 o'clock, in the Church, in order that the sense of the Congregation may be obtained as to whether the Sunday School building, recently damaged by fire, shall be repaired or rebuilt, and how much the congregation is willing to have expended for either purpose.

"Wm. Nelson, Secretary."

Mr. Clark, the President of the Board, presided and stated that four propositions were under consideration:

First—to restore the building to its former condition.

Second—to merely improve the roof.

Third—to enlarge.

Fourth—to rebuild.

The meeting voted unanimously against the first and second, and was about equally divided on the third and fourth propositions.

Adjourned to February 10, at 8 p. m., at the same place.

Messrs. Wm. Nelson, S. V. S. Muzzy, John A. McNab and Fred. Tassney and Mrs. Geo. S. McCarter and Miss Annie Lang were appointed a committee to consider the matter and report at the adjourned meeting.

H. I. Clark,

Chairman.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 10, 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the Congregation was held this evening at the Church, Mr. Clark, Chairman, and Mr. Edwards, secretary.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting reported progress; it had been found impracticable to accomplish any definite results before the adoption of some plan for either enlarging or rebuilding the Lecture Room.

Col. Andrew Derrom presented and explained five or six sketches of plans he had prepared for repairing and enlarging the building, for which he was voted the thanks of the meeting.

Sketches by Fred. W. Rumpf and C. E. Edwards, for enlarging and improving, were also presented.

On motion of Mr. McNab it was



*"Resolved,* That it is the sense of the Congregation that the Board of Trustees should procure plans by a competent architect, preferably one making church architecture his specialty, for an entirely new Sunday school building, with all the modern improvements pertaining to such buildings; and also for the most feasible enlargement of the old building, with such improvements as it is capable of; that they obtain estimates of the probable cost of carrying out each plan; that the committee heretofore appointed for the purpose then canvass the congregation for subscriptions, and that the Board of Trustees then carry out the plan which seems to meet the views of the contributors of the largest amount of money."

Adjourned.

Secretary.

February 12, 1886.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening, at the residence of the President, 158 Division street.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Booth, Sanderson, Muzzy, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held January 28 were read and approved.

The minutes of the Congregational meetings held February 3 and 10 were read for the information of the Board.

Mr. Muzzy moved that a committee of three be appointed to procure copies of the printed plans furnished by the Board of Church Election, in order to carry out the wishes of the Congregation as expressed at its latest meeting, and in case none of such plans shall be suitable that the Committee employ some local architect to draft plans at a cost not exceeding \$50, and that the Committee report back to this Board.

Which was agreed to, and the chair appointed Messrs. Muzzy, Edwards and Nelson such Committee.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the taxes on the parsonage, \$275, out of the moneys collected for insurance on the Sunday school building.

Mr. Edwards, the Treasurer, stated that the Session objected to the Treasurer of this Board taking charge of the collections in the church.

On motion of Mr. Booth, the matter was referred to the President and the Treasurer, to confer with the Session.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,

Secretary.

March 15, 1886.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening, at the residence of the President.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Sanderson, Muzzy and Edwards.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Edwards was chosen Secretary pro tem.

The Committee on Plans for Sunday School building presented several ranging in cost from \$2,000 to \$4,000; a new building would cost \$7,000. Report received.

On motion, the plans were referred to the Canvassing Committee, to report March 22 the probable amount of money that could be raised for the improvement.

Adjourned to March 22.

E. G. Edwards,  
Sec'y pro tem.

March 22, 1886.

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening at the residence of the President.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Muzzy, Sanderson, Booth and Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held March 15 were read and approved.

The Committee on Plans reported detailed plans prepared by Mr. Rumpf, for an addition to the Sunday school on the Cross street side, new, open-timbered roof, new windows, &c., &c., the whole to cost \$3,287, as estimated by the architect. Report received.

The Canvassing Committee reported having submitted the plans to various members of the congregation, and the general sentiment was favorable to carrying out the proposed plan. Report received.

On motion, the plan in question was adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Plans were directed to have working plans and specifications prepared, and estimates procured, to be submitted to the Board April 5, at 8 p. m.

On motion, Mr. Sanderson was added to the Committee.

On motion of Judge Sanderson the Canvassing Committee were empowered to add to their numbers.

Adjourned to April 5, at 8 p. m.

Wm. Nelson, Sec'y.

April 5, 1886.

The Board met this evening, pursuant to adjournment, at the residence of the President.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Sanderson, Muzzy, Edwards, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held March 22 were read and approved.

Bids for the proposed improvement of the Sunday School building were received as follows:

	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>Mason</i>	<i>Total</i>
Andrew Dickinson	\$2,050	\$1,180	\$3,230
Van Houten Bros.	3,035	1,183	4,218
J. M. Rogers	2,755	1,440	4,195
W. H. Yeomans	2,436	1,174	3,600
David Henry	2,064	1,729	3,793
John T. Spear	2,887		4,362
Steele & Hopper		1,729	
<i>Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting.</i>			
Nealon and Farnon			\$1,000
David Stewart			1,065
G. D. Voorhis			950
<i>Painting, &amp;c.</i>			
W. B. Bate			\$292
do. inside walls			75
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			\$367
Geo. W. Myers		298	
do. inside walls		48	\$346

On motion, the matter was laid over for one week, the Committee on Plans meantime to have some alterations made in the extension, including a cellar thereunder, and to procure revised bids, and the Canvassing Committee to report at the same time.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the same place on Monday, April 12, at 8 p. m.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

April 12, 1886.

The Board met, at the house of the President.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Booth, Nelson.

The minutes of April 5 were read and approved.

Bids were received for the additional work (cellar, &c.) authorized at the last meeting, as follows:

Andrew Dickinson,	mason work	\$219.40	
“ “	carpenter “	152.77	372.17
G. D. Voorhis	plumbing &c.		15.80

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

April 21, 1886.

The Board met, at the house of the President, pursuant to call.

Present—Clark, Edwards, Booth, Sanderson, Nelson, McIlroy, Muzzy.

The minutes of April 21 were read and approved.

The Canvassing Committee reported subscriptions to the Sunday School Building Fund as follows:

Miss Lang's list	\$270
Mrs. McCarter's "	394
Mr. McNab's "	134
Mr. Nelson's "	257
Mr. McIlroy's "	75
Mr. Muzzy's "	460
Mr. Tasney's "	50
Mr. E. G. Edwards'	100
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	\$1,740

Mr. Nelson stated that upon consultation with the architect the latter thought the cost could be reduced as follows:

By making roof open to ridge pole, instead of ceiling across half way up	\$200
Omitting wainscoting	100
" closets in Main St. porch	20
" raised platform in infant room	50
Substituting brick for ashlar wall under extension	40
Omitting two coats of paint inside	32
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	\$442

The Board decided in favor of changing the roof as suggested, and to omit wainscoting, closets and raised platform.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Booth, it was ordered that contracts be awarded for the improvement and enlargement of the Sunday school building according to the plans adopted, the total cost not to exceed \$4,600 for mason work, carpenter work, glazing, plumbing, steam and gas-fitting, tinning and roofing, and painting, and that the committee in charge be authorized and requested to make any further reduction in the cost that can be made without materially altering the plans and specifications heretofore adopted. This was agreed to unanimously.

The condition of Mrs. White was brought before the Board by Mr. McIlroy. Mr. Sanderson stated that an offer of \$10,000 had been made for her property.

On motion of Mr. Booth the President was requested to enquire into Mrs. White's circumstances and wishes, with power to associate any other member with him, and report back to the Board.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

May 18, 1886.

The Board met, pursuant to call, at the house of the President.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Sanderson, Nelson and Booth.

The minutes of April 21 were read and approved.

The resignation of Mr. Samuel McIlroy as a member of the Board was received and accepted.

The Treasurer presented a report for the last quarter, and a supplementary report to date, which were received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Bills were presented and disposed of as follows:

Hilton & Menger, surveying New Cemetery, \$58.70. Ordered paid.

John Agnew, flagging sidewalk at Old Cemetery, south side of Market street, \$235.76. Ordered paid.

George Townley, coal, \$21.60. Ordered placed to the credit of Mr. Townley's pew-rent past due, and that he be so informed.

Mr. Strait, sexton, for extra services in grading the grounds in 1882 and other work since, \$43.25. The Treasurer was authorized to settle the bill for \$25.

The Secretary stated that he had recently recovered from Mr. William Pennington the following papers of the Church:

1. Advertisement calling a meeting of the Inhabitants of Paterson for the purpose of forming a religious association, dated Aug. 9, 1813.

2. Formation of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, signed by 37 heads of families, dated Aug. 19, 1813.

3. Certificate of the incorporation of "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson," received in the office Aug. 30, 1813, and recorded in Book A of Miscellanies, p. 100.

4. Certified copy of deed dated July 11, 1814, S. U. M. to The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, for

1. Church property—Beg. on Paterson and Hamburg turnpike at S. E. cor. of House lot No. 25, thence (1.) W. 129 ft. to Cross St., (2) S. along east side of said street 220 ft. to Oliver St., (3) E. along said street 81 ft. to turnpike, (4) along west side of turnpike 161 ft. 7 in. to place of Beg. For purpose of erecting a building thereon to be used or occupied as a Presbyterian church and for no other purpose or use whatsoever.

2. Cemetery property—Beg. on S. side Market St. at N. E. cor. Abraham Van Blarcom's lands, thence (1) along Market street S. 67° E. 150 ft.; (2) at right angles S. 23° W. 286 ft. to Abraham Van Blarcom's lands; (3) N. 5° E. 324 ft. to Beg. To be used as a burial ground, and not to be occupied for any other purpose whatsoever.

Recorded in Book E 2 of Deeds, Essex County, April 14, 1818, pp. 72-3.

5. Certified copy of deed dated March 16, 1826, State of New Jersey to The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson, for

Part of Old Cemetery—Beg. at E. corner of present burying ground on highway leading from Passaic river to town of Paterson, thence (1) along said highway S.  $66^{\circ}$  E. 3.55 ch. to a corner on the same highway; (2) S.  $24^{\circ}$  W. 12.60 ch. along the lands of the said State to a corner of the same and of lands now or late of Abraham Van Blarcom; (3) N. along the said lands of Van Blarcom  $3^{\circ}$  W. 8.50 ch. to S. cor. of said old burying ground; (4) N. along the same  $24^{\circ}$  W. 4.73 ch. to the place of beginning. Containing three acres.

Recorded in Book U 2 of Deeds, Essex county, 28 April, 1826, pp. 372-4.

6. Original Deed, dated October 8, 1827, S. U. M. to "The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church of Paterson," for

Elm Street Infant School Property (now First German Presbyterian Church, Elm Street).

Beg. on S. side of Elm St. 200 ft. from E. side Cross St. thence (1) W. along Elm St. 50 ft. (2) S. at right angles to said street 100 ft. (3) E. parallel to said street 50 ft. (4) N. 100 ft. to Beg. for the purpose of erecting a building thereon to be used on the Sabbath or Lord's Day for the accommodation of the Sunday School connected with the first Presbyterian Church of Paterson and on other days to be used for the accommodation of the Infant School under the direction of the Female Infant School Society recently established in said Town of Paterson and for no other uses or purposes, unless with the consent of the said Female Infant School Society first had in writing.

Recorded in Book E. 3 of Deeds, Essex County, 11 August, 1830, pp. 253-4.

7. Original Deed of Release, dated Dec. 1, 1853, S. U. M. to "The Trustees" &c. for last above described premises.

8. Original Deed of Release dated Dec. 21, 1844, S. U. M. to "The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson," for

Church Property, (Consid—\$6068.07)—Beg. at a point where the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike intersects the N. line of Oliver street thence (1) W. along N. side Oliver St. 76 ft. 6 in. to cor. Oliver and Cross St.; (2) N. along E. side Cross St. 202 ft. 6 in. to Ward St.; (3) E. along S. side Ward St. 132 ft. more or less to the Turnpike; (4) S. along W. side Turnpike 212 ft. more or less to Beg.—On various trusts and conditions.

9. Original Deed, dated Sept. 16, 1852, S. U. M. to "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society" now of the City of Paterson, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey. Consid.—\$2,400. For



1. Beg. on W. side of Main St. in N. E. corner of lot sold John Stagg running thence (1) W. along N. line of said lot about 125 ft. to rear of lots fronting on Marshall St. (2) N. along rear of said lots 25 ft. (3) E. parallel with first line about 126 ft. 6 in. to Main St. (4) S. along same 25 ft. to Beg.

2. Beg. on W. side Main St. in S. E. cor. of lot sold Samuel Pope, 18 June, 1852, running thence (1) W. along the S. line of said lot about 117 ft. 1 in. to rear of lots fronting on Marshall St. (2) S. along same 50 ft. to lot sold Wright Flavell 20 October, 1851, (3) E. along the N. line of same about 114 ft. 4 in. to Main St. (4) N. along same 50 ft. to Beg.

3. Beg. on E. side of Mill St. at a point distant 225 ft. S. of Slater St. running thence (1) S. along Mill St. 50 ft. (2) E. parallel with Slater St. 115 ft. (3) N. parallel with Marshall St. 50 ft. to lot sold John English (4) W. along S. line of said lot 115 ft. to Mill St. at place of Beg.

4. Beg. on W. side Mill St. at a point 100 ft. S. of Slater St. running thence (1) S. along Mill St. 50 ft. (2) W. parallel with Slater St. 100 ft. (3) N. parallel with Mill St. 50 ft. to lot leased John D. Murphy (4) E. along S. line of said lot 100 ft. to Beg.

Received and recorded Sept. 17, 1852, in Book R of Deeds, Passaic County, pp. 577-9.

10. Original Deed, dated Dec. 1, 1852, S. U. M. to The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson. Consid. \$3,600.

Parsonage Property—Beg. on S. side of Market St. at a point in the N. E. cor. of a lot conveyed to Robert B. Ruggles by the Heirs of Peter Colt deceased Nov. 15, 1852, running thence (1) E. along the line of Market St. 62 ft. 6 in. to the W. boundary line of a lot now owned by Roswell L. Colt (2) S. along said line at right angles to Market St. 187 ft. (3) W. parallel with Market St. until it strikes the E. side of Union St. (4) N. along Union St. about 4 ft. until it strikes the S. E. cor. of said Ruggles' lot (5) N. along the E. line of said lot about 183 ft. to Beg. Being the same property now occupied by the Rev. Wm. H. Hornblower.

To be used by the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson as a Parsonage, and for no other purpose whatsoever and in case of sale, the monies arising from such sale to be applied to the purchase or erection of another Parsonage, for said Society, and for no other purpose whatsoever—and in case of use or sale for any other purpose than the same, to revert to Roswell L. Colt his heirs and assigns.

Received and recorded Dec. 22, 1856, in Book A 2 of Deeds, Passaic Co., pp. 297 &c.

11. Original receipt—Thos. O. Smith, Agent S. U. M., to Roswell L. Colt, for \$3,600 in full consideration of last above described conveyance. Receipt dated Dec. 1, 1852.



12. Original Deed of Release, dated October 8, 1871, William A. Butler to "The Trustees" &c. Consid. \$2,000.

Parsonage Property—release from all claim for erecting Pastor's study and improving parsonage.

13. Original Mortgage, dated April 30, 1856, to "The Trustees" &c. to John N. Terhune, Consid. \$1,000. On Elm Street property.

Received and cancelled Sept. 23, 1856.

14. Original Deed dated May 11, 1854. S. U. M. to "The Trustees" &c. Consid. \$6516.56.

New Cemetery—Beg. where W. line of Methodist Cemetery if continued S. W. in a straight line would intersect the N. E. line of Market St. thence (1) N. 10° E. 196 ft. 6 in. to S. W. cor. of Methodist Cemetery (2) E. along S. line of said Cemetery S. 80° 40' E. 325 ft. to W. line of First Reformed Dutch Cemetery (3) along the same S. at right angles from the last line 7 ft. 6 in. to S. W. cor. of last mentioned cemetery (4) S. 80° 40' E. along the S. line of last mentioned Cemetery 251 ft. 3 in. to the S. E. cor. thereof (5) S. 9° 20' W. 369 ft. to N. E. line of Market St. (6) N. W. along Market St. 605 ft. 9 in. to Beg. Containing 3.74 acres or about 162,914 sq. ft. For the purposes of a Cemetery.

Received and recorded May 13, 1854, in Book V of Deeds, Passaic Co., pp. 89 &c.

15. Original Deed dated Nov. 20, 1873. James Angus to The Trustees, &c., of the First Presbyterian Church of the City of Paterson. Consid. \$1,000.

Westminster Church Site—Beg. in E. line of Apple St. now called Spring St. 225 ft. S. from Washington avenue, thence (1) E. at right angles to Apple St 100 ft. (2) S. parallel with Apple St. 25 ft. (3) W. parallel with first course 100 ft. to Apple St. (4) N. along the same 25 ft. to Beg. Being Lot No. 14, Block H, Map of Property of James Angus and Henry Whitely, made by J. H. Goetschius Aug. 12, 1854.

Received and recorded in Book A 5 of Deeds Passaic Co., pp. 53 &c. Jan. 23, 1874.

16. Original Deed, dated Nov. 20, 1873. James Angus to same. Consid. \$1,000.

Westminster Church Site.—Beg. in E. line of Apple St. now called Spring St. 200 ft. S. of Washington Ave. thence (1) E. at right angles to Apple St. 100 ft. (2) S. parallel with Apple St. 25 ft. (3) W. parallel with first course 100 ft. to Apple St. (4) N. along the same 25 ft. to Beg. Being Lot 13 Block H on above map.

"The above property is to be used as a Mission School or a Church and for no other purpose under the penalty of the forfeiture of this deed."

Received and recorded Jan. 23, 1874, in Book A 5 of Deeds, Passaic Co., pp. 54 &c.

The Secretary also presented a certified copy which he had procured from the Surrogate, of the will of Henry White, deceased. Will dated April 9, 1853. Proved Jan. 23, 1866, containing the following provision:

"In case of the death of my said son William leaving no children or other lineal descendants to inherit the said property, then I do hereby authorize and direct my Executors after the decease of my wife to sell to the best advantage all my real estate and to execute good and sufficient conveyances for the same and to pay over the proceeds thereof, together with all the residue of my personal property then remaining in their hands to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson to be by said Trustees invested as a permanent fund for the relief of the poor of said Society and the interest of which shall be annually paid by said Trustees to the Minister and Elders of said Society and by said Minister and Elders, distributed in food, fuel and clothing at their discretion among the poor of said Society."

Mr. Muzzy moved that a special committee be appointed to take into consideration the renting of pews, terms, &c.

On motion of Mr. Nelson the matter was referred to the Committee on Church Property, with Mr. Muzzy added.

Mr. Nelson offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board is profoundly impressed with the firm belief that it is highly important for the best interests of the First Presbyterian Church that our Pastor shall not accept a call to any other church, and we should deeply regret any separation between him and us.

Adopted unanimously.

On motion, adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

May 24, 1886.

A Joint Meeting of the Session and the Board of Trustees was held this evening, at the Parsonage, at the invitation of the Session.

Present—James D. Lockwood and Andrew Derrom, of the Session, and Dr. Magie, Pastor.

Messrs. Clark, Booth, Edwards and Nelson of the Board of Trustees.

On motion, the Pastor was chosen Chairman, and Mr. Nelson, Secretary.

The Pastor stated that the object of the meeting was to take into consideration the subject of filling vacancies in the Session, and any other matters affecting the interests of the church.

Mr. Nelson moved as the sense of the meeting that two Elders should be added to the Session as soon as it can be conveniently done. Agreed to, unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved as the sense of the meeting that the system of rotary Eldership be adopted by the congregation.

Agreed to, unanimously.

Mr. Nelson moved as the sense of the meeting that the Elders be chosen for the term of two years.

Agreed to, unanimously.

It was resolved that the foregoing resolutions be read to the Congregational meeting to be held on Thursday evening, and that said meeting be recommended to call a special meeting of the members of the Church to act upon the above suggestions.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

May 27, 1886.

A meeting of the Congregation was held this evening in the Church pursuant to due notice from the pulpit.\*

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Andrew Derrom, in behalf of the Session.

Mr. Henry I. Clark was chosen chairman, and Mr. Wm. Nelson secretary.

The following letter from the Rev. David Magie, D. D., the Pastor of the Church, was read by the Secretary:

To the Congregation of the

First Presbyterian Church.

My dear People:

It is known to you all that a call has been extended to me to become the pastor of those who have undertaken the labor of forming a new Church in this City, most of whom have gone out from you. I have already made known to the Session my conviction of duty in this matter, and have been directed by them to call this meeting that the resignation of my pastoral office may be laid before you, and that you may take action upon it. At the request of the Session, the Trustees have met with them to consider what should be done under these circumstances, and certain matters will be laid before you, for your consideration, as the result of their joint meeting.

\*"It was resolved that a meeting of the Church and Congregation be called on Thursday evening, May 27th, at 7:30 P. M. to consider the resignation of the pastor and to take action upon it, and to appoint Commissioners to represent them in Presbytery."

A true copy from the minutes of Session.

David Magie, Moderator.

With a grateful and loving heart for your unwearied kindness during the past years, I offer to you my resignation as your pastor, and ask you to join with me in seeking from Presbytery a dissolution of the tie which now binds us together as pastor and people

It has pleased God to let me labor among you with great comfort and joy for more than fourteen years. During all these years I have proved your love, and on my part, and I have reason to believe on your part also, the ties that have bound us together have grown in strength and tenderness. I can never cease to thank God for these happy relations.

Whatever may be to us the pain of this present hour, I am convinced, that at no distant day we shall thank God for what we have been permitted to do for His cause. This church has been a blessing in this community. You have built Westminster Church, and have given thirty-six of your number to form its membership. And now again a colony has gone forth from you to build another church in this city. This is indeed to do the work of God. It is the consummation of the hopes and prayers and labors of those who have gone to their reward. Probably never again in the history of this new Church will it need the care it does now.

Most earnestly have I sought to know my duty in this matter. I would not hide from you the grief I feel in severing these ties. Bonds of experience of Christian communion in joy and sorrow are not lightly broken. But the path of duty seems clear to my mind, and I would ask you to grant your assent to my following it. Gladly would I take each one of you by the hand to night, and speak the words of affection I feel.

Your work opens before you hopefully. In a short time the places made vacant will be filled, and in answer to your prayers God will send you a pastor with His blessing. In these prayers mine shall be joined. Your prosperity I do most truly desire. Accept the kindest assurances of my heartfelt regard. And may I not feel in undertaking this new work for God, in the success of which you must always feel an interest, that your prayers shall help me? My whole heart goes out in the desire that God may bless you.

I remain with sincere affection,

Your friend and pastor,

David Magie.

Paterson, May 27, 1886.

Mr. William G. Fenner offered the following:

*Whereas*, our pastor has tendered his resignation, to take effect July 1; while we deeply deplore the necessity of giving up one who has been so useful in his ministerial and social relations with this congregation, and fully appreciate the great loss which this church will sustain in the severance of those relations which have so long and pleasantly existed,

*Resolved*, That we appreciate the motive which has actuated him in asking to be released from this church, and because of the great regard and love which we bear toward him who has so long and faithfully ministered to us, we feel reluctant to interpose any obstacle to the fulfilling of the wish that he has expressed in this matter, much as we regret such a step, and it is therefore declared to be the sense of this congregation that the Presbytery of Jersey City be respectfully requested to dissolve the pastoral relation now existing between this Society and the Rev. David Magie, D. D., if he shall ask the Presbytery so to do, at the next meeting of that body, said dissolution to take effect on the first day of July next.

*Resolved*, That we tender to our pastor, the Rev. Dr. Magie, the love and affection of the church and society.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing more fully our warm regard for our pastor, and that in case his connection with this church shall be severed, such resolutions be then handed to him.\*

\*When the congregation of the First Presbyterian church reluctantly accepted the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Magie, as their pastor, they appointed Messrs. William G. Fenner, William Nelson, Samuel Tasney, John H. Goetschius and S. V. S. Muzzy a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the congregation's sentiments toward their late pastor. The committee having agreed upon their report left it to Mr. Fenner to select the best form in which to preserve the report, in order that it might be a pleasant souvenir to Dr. Magie from his late charge. The result was something probably unique in Paterson. The minute of the committee was exquisitely engrossed by a professional, in quaint, old-English text, on grey-tinted card-board, the lines underscored in white ink, the initials in handsome designs. The six sheets of card board thus engrossed were then inlaid like panels in very thick card-board, of a dark grey, and the whole was then bound sumptuously in black seal leather, with cushioned covers, lined with white watered silk, the edges gilt, and a single line of gilt bordering the covers, and two gold clasps holding the sides together. The book resembles an album, 18x11 inches in size, and two inches thick. The inscription reads thus:

A testimonial to Rev. David Magie, D. D., from his late charge, the First Presbyterian church of Paterson, New Jersey.

Upon the severance of the relations which have subsisted for more than fourteen years between the First Presbyterian church of Paterson, New Jersey, and the Rev. David Magie, D. D., as their pastor, the members of the church and congregation desire to place on record their high esteem for him who, for so many years, has ministered so acceptably to them as pastor, preacher and friend.

In all these relations he has greatly endeared himself to his late flock, and the ties between him and them have grown stronger year by year. It is exceedingly difficult to us to have such ties broken.

During all these years he has never been found wanting in the discharge of his many and oft-times trying duties, and we warmly appreciate the earnestness and zeal with which he has ministered to us spiritually and in the interest of both church and society.

He has rejoiced with them that have rejoiced, and has mourned with them that have mourned; he has thus become associated with many of our tenderest recollections.

He has been a most welcome visitor at our homes at all times; we shall hope to see him often there in the future.

Our cordial wishes shall go with him in his new field of usefulness, where we trust that as his labors have been blessed in the past, they may be attended with an increased measure of success in the future.

In behalf of the congregation.

WILLIAM G. FENNER,  
WM. NELSON,  
S. TASNEY,  
S. V. S. MUZZY.

After remarks by various members of the congregation expressive of their regret at losing the pastor, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. William G. Fenner, William Nelson, S. Tasney, John H. Goetschius as the Committee on Resolutions.

Mr. Nelson moved that three commissioners to Presbytery be appointed, of whom the Chairman should be one.

Agreed to, and Elder James D. Lockwood, William G. Fenner and Henry I. Clark were appointed commissioners.

The Secretary presented the suggestions agreed upon unanimously at the joint meeting of the Session and the Trustees on the 24th inst.

Mr. Muzzy moved that the suggestions be referred to a special meeting of the communicants of the church, to be called upon due notice by the pastor for the purpose.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Derrom offered the following:

"As it would be very unwise at this meeting and contrary to Presbyterian law and usage to nominate and elect ruling Elders

"I move that a committee consisting of three members of this church be appointed by this meeting to select a suitable number of members of this church qualified to fill the office of Ruling Elder. The committee shall within one week present their names to The Church Session for their examination and if approved they shall at once call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing ruling Elders—to fill the Vacancies caused by the withdrawal of the four elders to the Church of the Redeemer."

The motion was objected to, and was withdrawn.

The Secretary read the condition of the deed for the church site, dated Dec. 21, 1844, for general information.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

June 2, 1886.

A meeting of the communicants of the church was held in the church this evening, immediately after the prayer-meeting, pursuant to due notice from the pulpit, for the purpose of considering the election of Elders, and the rotary system of Eldership.

On Saturday evening the committee, with Mr. Henry I. Clark, president, and Mr. Edmund G. Edwards, treasurer, of the Board of Trustees of the First church, called upon Dr. Magie, when Mr. Fenner, in a few well-chosen words, presented this elegant volume to Dr. Magie, in behalf of the congregation. The recipient was manifestly deeply touched by this renewed evidence of the love of his late charge, and assured the committee that he could never feel other than warmly interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the old church, whose members had always shown him so much regard, of which this was a new token. Visiting the old Sunday school yesterday afternoon he told the children there about the presentation, and how much he appreciated it.—Press, Oct. 18, 1886.



The Rev. Dr. Magie, the pastor, presided, and Mr. S. Tasney, was on motion of Mr. Nelson chosen secretary.

After a full and free discussion it was

*Resolved,*

1. That the rotary system of Eldership be adopted.
2. That the term of office of an Elder be six years.
3. That Mr. Lockwood, the only remaining Elder (Mr. Derrom having taken his letter of dismissal from the church), be requested to remain in office for life, he having been originally elected for life.
4. That there should be elected as soon as practicable at least three new Elders, for the term of six years.

Thereupon Messrs. Henry I. Clark, E. G. Edwards and William Moore were elected Elders. Messrs. Edwards and Moore declined.

Adjourned.

July 30, 1886.

The Board met this evening, pursuant to notice, at the house of the President.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Sanderson, Nelson, Booth, Muzzy.

The minutes of the meeting held May 18 last were read and approved.

The following communication was received and read and placed on the minutes:

To the

Board of Trustees of the

First Presbyterian Church.

Dear Brethren:

I have received from your Secretary a copy of the resolution passed at your last meeting with reference to my resignation as your pastor. For the expression of your conviction of what is for the interests of the church we all love, I thank you. It has not been an easy matter to reach the conclusion expressed in my declaration to the Session of this church. I feel deeply the pain of separation from those whom I have learned to love through years of kindness on the one side and of service on the other. My sole desire has been to find out how I might be most useful in the Church of Christ. My conviction remains, after full consideration, that my decision is in the path of duty. Under this conviction I shall ask you to join me in requesting Presbytery to dissolve the relation which now binds us, as pastor and people.



I am sure I do not need to tell you of my deep regard for the church I leave. The years which have passed have been happy years to me. I pray that God may direct your steps, and bless you always.

Your affectionate friend and pastor

David Magie.

Paterson May 22, 1886.

The President reported

That Mr. Lockwood and himself attended Presbytery on June , as commissioners appointed by the congregation, when the pastoral relation between Dr. Magie and this church was dissolved, and that Dr. Magie preached his farewell sermon on the last Sabbath in June.

That immediately after Presbytery had met, the Session and Trustees had met at the parsonage, and appointed a Committee on Pulpit Supplies, consisting of the two Elders and Messrs. William Nelson, William G. Fenner and Martin R. Roome.

That the following candidates had been heard:

Rev. Albert Dod Minor, St. Johnsville, N. Y.

Rev. Dr. Wills.

July 4, Rev. Lewis T. Mudge, Princeton.

July 11, Rev. Chapin, Freeport, L. I.

July 18, Rev. William Y. Brown, D. D., N. Y.

July 25, Rev. Isaac O. Rankin, Kingsboro, Fulton Co., N. Y.

That at the same meeting it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Magie be requested to continue to occupy the parsonage rent free until he should secure other quarters, or until we had a pastor wishing to occupy it.

That hearing that the house of worship of the Church of the Redeemer could not be occupied on the second Sabbath in June, that congregation had been invited to attend service at the old church, and to partake of the communion, an invitation which had been cordially accepted.

That the Sunday School went on an excursion to Stirling Lake on July 7, and by special invitation the Sunday School and many of the members of the Church of the Redeemer went along.

The Committee on Sunday School Building reported that contracts had been executed with Andrew Dickinson for the carpenter and mason work for \$3,299; and with Garret D. Voorhis for the slate-roofing, plumbing, tinning, steam and gas fitting for \$965.80. The painting would cost \$346, including three coats of paint on the walls, which the committee proposed to omit, thereby reducing the cost about \$48, according to the architect's estimate. The masons expected to finish the white coat of plaster to-morrow; the steam-pipes were all in place, ready for setting the radiators; the plumbing was nearly done, the plumbers being now at work setting the water-closets: the carpenters would begin trimming next week; the glazing

of the sashes was under way, but would take ten days to complete; the painter had put one coat on the outside. The contractors promised to have the building ready for use on the third Sabbath in August, but it would hardly be finished before the end of next month. So far as it had progressed it was greatly admired, and it was believed it would be one of the largest and handsomest Sunday School rooms in Paterson. The Committee desired authority to procure the needed gas-fixtures, and to grade the grounds and lay walks where needed.

Report received, and on motion of Mr. Booth the desired authority was given, the estimated cost being about \$100 for gas-fixtures, and \$50 for grading and flagging.

The Treasurer presented his quarterly report, for the quarter ending July 31.

Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to increase the insurance on the Sunday School building to \$4,000.

Mr. Muzzy moved that a committee of three Trustees be appointed to co-operate with a committee representing the Sunday School, to arrange a programme of exercises for the formal re-opening of the building.

Agreed to, and the President appointed Messrs. Nelson, Booth and Edwards.

On motion, Mr. William G. Fenner was elected Trustee, in place of Mr. McIlroy, resigned.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

June 16, 1886.

A joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Trustees was held this evening at the Parsonage, the Rev. Dr. Magie, Moderator, and Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Sanderson, Nelson, Muzzy, Edwards.

On motion, Elders Lockwood and Clark, Trustee Nelson and Messrs. Fenner and Roome were appointed a committee to procure Pulpit Supplies, the Committee being also authorized to add to their numbers and to fill vacancies.

Mr. Sanderson moved that the Rev. Dr. Magie be requested to occupy the parsonage, rent free, until we shall secure a stated pastor who may wish to occupy the premises. Agreed to.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

September 23, 1886.

A meeting of the Congregation was held this evening in the church, pursuant to the following notice, which was read from the pulpit last Sunday, (Sept. 19, inst.), morning and evening:

“[Notice to be read after Public Worship:]

“All the members of this congregation are requested to meet on Thursday evening next, at a quarter before eight o'clock, in this house, then and there, if it be agreeable to them, to proceed to the election of a pastor for this congregation.”

“By order of the Session.”

The Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D. D., of the Second Presbyterian Church, acted as Moderator, having been appointed by Presbytery to be Moderator of the Session of this church, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. William Nelson was elected Secretary.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting, as above.

Mr. Henry I. Clark moved as the sense of the congregation that they proceed to the election of a Pastor of this Congregation.

Which was agreed to, unanimously.

Mr. Clark, in behalf of the Committee on Pulpit Supplies, reported that the Committee had tried to get the best preachers. They had agreed unanimously to recommend the election of the Rev. C. A. Rodney Janvier to be Pastor of this church.

After further remarks by Messrs. Clark and Fenner, a rising vote was taken by the members of the Congregation present on the recommendation of the Committee, when *ninety-nine* members voted in favor of electing Mr. Janvier to be Pastor, and *no* members voted to the contrary.

A rising vote of the pew-holders of the church was then taken, when the pew-holders present also voted unanimously in favor of electing Mr. Janvier to be Pastor.

On motion of Mr. Nelson it was resolved to offer Mr. Janvier a salary of \$2,500 per year and parsonage rent free during his incumbency, the Congregation voting unanimously to that effect, and the pew-holders likewise voted unanimously to the same effect.

Mr. Crane moved that the Committee on Supplies, with all the Trustees, be appointed the Committee to sign the call to Mr. Janvier. Agreed to, unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved that commissioners be appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery, said commissioners to consist of one Elder, one Trustee and one member of the Congregation at large. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Clark moved that Mr. Lockwood (Elder), Mr. Nelson (Trustee), and Mr. Wm. H. Harmon be such commissioners, with power to fill vacancies. Agreed to.  
Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Copy of Call to Mr. Janvier:

The Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, New Jersey, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, the Rev. C. A. Rodney Janvier, and having good hopes from our past experience of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call and desire you to undertake the pastoral office in said Congregation; promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. And that you may be free from worldly cares and associations we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay to you the yearly sum of two thousand five hundred dollars in regular quarterly payments during the time of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church, together with the free use of the parsonage during said time.

In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

James D. Lockwood, Elder  
Henry I. Clark, Elder and Trustee  
Samuel V. S. Muzzy, Trustee  
Edmund G. Edwards, Trustee  
Wm. Nelson, Trustee  
Wm. G. Fenner, Trustee  
James Booth, Trustee  
John Sanderson, Trustee

Attested by Charles D. Shaw, D. D., Moderator of the meeting.

I hereby certify that I presided as Moderator on the evening of Sept. 23, 1886, at a regularly called meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church for the purpose of electing a pastor should the way be clear; that the way was found to be clear; that 99 votes were cast for the Rev. C. A. Rodney Janvier of Trenton, N. J.; that no votes were cast in opposition; that the proceedings were entirely harmonious and regular; that a committee was appointed to sign the call, and three commissioners to prosecute it before the Presbytery, after which the meeting was closed with prayer, the doxology and the Apostolic benediction.

Charles D. Shaw, D. D.,

Pastor 2d Presbyterian Church, Paterson, N. J.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 23, 1886.

Mr. Janvier's Letter declining the Call.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 30th, '86.

To the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson,

My Dear Friends:

It is with deep distress of mind, realizing all that is involved in this decision, that I write to tell you that I must decline the call to become your Pastor. I understand fully, I think, how great is your present need, and how wide and inviting are the fields white unto the harvest around you; I have no doubt but that the work in Paterson is far larger and more important than any I can possibly find here; and I appreciate only too well the superior attractions in other respects the call offers me. Nevertheless, I am driven to the conclusion that duty lies on the side of carrying out my previous plan, namely, to conclude my work here as speedily as may be—certainly within a year—and then hasten to my life-work in India. Permit me to state briefly my reasons for this decision:

1st. A life plan once prayerfully and carefully formed is not to be thrown aside without very clear light and unmistakable indications of the Divine will. As a very wise man of God has said: "It takes more light to make a move than to stay where you are." For this light I have prayed and waited, and the withholding of it I interpret to mean not to go forward.

2d. I have felt from the first, and have so stated, that owing to the weakness of my present charge and their great poverty, it was not right for me to decide to leave them unless I first found just the right man—one who could live on the salary they can raise and yet unite and lead them forward. It is largely my unsuccessful efforts in this direction that have caused this long delay in my answer to you.

3d. The most important and decisive hindrance to my acceptance of your call is that I am pledged to *India*. Her perishing millions cry out for help. The need there is infinitely greater than anything that we can conceive of. To that field I believe the Lord has called me, and to it I long ago gave myself. And although I have been willing, for the sake of the work for you which the Lord might do through me, to contemplate a few years' postponement of my start to India; yet I am constrained finally to believe that such a postponement might prove to be an entire setting aside, and that in any case I am needed out there just as soon as I can possibly go.

You have a right to ask why I have so long delayed my decision, perhaps to your injury. I have waited simply because I felt the gravity of the question, because I dared not say *yes* unless I felt sure that I ought, and because I could not bear to say *no* till I was convinced that I must.

And now, dear friends, farewell. The Great Shepherd himself lead and guide you, and speedily send you the under-shepherd of his own choosing.

Let nothing, I beseech you in His name, turn you aside from the great work He has given you to do in this Church which He has so abundantly blessed in times past; those blessings He still is ready to bestow.

Your friend and fellow-laborer,

C. A. R. Janvier.

October 15, 1886.

The Board met this evening, in the Church Parlor.

Present—Clark, Edwards, Nelson, Fenner, Muzzy.

Also Mr. F. W. Rumpf, the architect, and Mr. Andrew Dickinson, contractor.

The architect presented a final statement of the amount due Mr. Dickinson.

Mr. Fenner moved that Mr. Dickinson be offered \$400 in full settlement of the balance due him. Agreed to.

Messrs. Clark and Edwards were appointed a committee to get up a new form of bill for pew-rents.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

October 28, 1886.

The Board met at the house of Mr. Nelson.

Present—Clark, Edwards, Muzzy, Nelson, Sanderson, Fenner.

The minutes of the meetings held July 30 and Oct. 15 were read and approved.

The Committee on Form of Deed for Cemetery Lots presented a form, which was read and approved, and the Committee was discharged with the thanks of the Board.

The Treasurer's report was read, received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the depredations on and repairs of the cemetery fence, &c., were referred with power to the Committee on Church Property.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Nov. 25, 1886.

The annual meeting of the Congregation was held this day (Thanksgiving) in the church, immediately after service, pursuant to notice from the pulpit.

Mr. S. Tasney was elected chairman, and Mr. Wm. Nelson secretary.

It was announced that the terms of office of the following Trustees expired at this time:



John Sanderson,  
Henry I. Clark,  
Samuel V. S. Muzzy,  
Wm. G. Fenner,

On motion, they were re-elected, unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

Mr. Clark stated that an invitation had been received from the Church of the Redeemer, to attend the first service in the auditorium of that church to day, but it had come at so late an hour that it had been thought best to hold our services as usual.

He also suggested that an expression of opinion might be given by those present regarding the expediency of calling Mr. Miller, or calling a congregational meeting for the purpose of considering the matter.

Mr. Muzzy moved that the Session be requested to call a meeting of the congregation for Tuesday evening, December 7, to consider the subject of the pastorate. Agreed to.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,  
Secretary.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER.

NOVEMBER 1st, 1886.

Balance, per report S. McIlroy, Nov. 1, 1885	\$ 295 98	
Pew Rents collected	5,173 66	
"    paid, account Nov. 1, 1886	20 00	
Church Collections	512 13	
Cemetery Lots sold	102 00	
Note paid	73 50	
		\$6,177 27
Salaries--Dr. Magie		\$2,000 00
F. Oborski	\$ 300 00	
Mrs. Tylee	300 00	
Jas. Crooks	200 00	
Miss Graham	150 00	
N. P. Andrus	150 00	
Jas. Tasney	50 00	
		1,150 00
F. Strait		365 00
Pulpit Supplies		330 00
R. Dalling		103 47
President's Note	400 00	



A. DePuyt.....	20 00
L. Van Blarcom.....	18 72
G. D. Voorhis.....	17 25
E. B. King & Co.....	40 41
Taxes, 1885.....	305 54
Passaic Water Co.....	24 00
Extra Labor.....	25 00
J. C. Christie.....	15 00
H. S. Blauvelt.....	17 42
Interest on Bond.....	30 00
E. B. King & Co.....	35 11
Muzzy Brothers.....	21 94
Expense, Cleaning Church.....	45 35
J. S. Gerau.....	8 25
R. B. Garrison.....	33 50
Taxes, 1886.....	287 02
A. Cellarius.....	67 75
Gas.....	98 73
Coal.....	80 40
Expense, Cemetery account.....	296 21
Insurance.....	145 26
Incidentals.....	30 45
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	2,063 31
Cash on hand to balance.....	165 49
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	\$6,177 27

## LECTURE ROOM ACCOUNT.

—DR.—

Balance from Insurance.....	\$1,315 58
Subscriptions paid.....	1,941 00
Note discounted, \$1,000, Discount \$15.62.....	984 38
Loan.....	400 00
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	\$4,640 96

—CR.—

F. W. Rumpf.....	\$ 127 80
A. Dickinson, in full.....	3,400 00
G. W. Myers, ".....	300 00
G. D. Voorhis, on acct.....	800 00
Cash on hand to balance.....	13 16
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	\$4,640 96

December 7, 1886.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Church, at 7.30 p. m.  
Present—Messrs. Clark, Sanderson, Fenner, Edwards, Nelson.

On motion of Judge Sanderson, Mr. Clark was re-elected President.

For Secretary—William Nelson was re-elected.

For Treasurer—E. G. Edwards was re-elected.

For Janitor—Freeman Strait was re-appointed, on the same terms as heretofore, and during the pleasure of the Board.

Mr. Fenner moved that the Treasurer be authorized to employ assistance in the collection of the pew-rents, on the same terms as heretofore. Agreed to.

Mr. Nelson moved that the seal of the corporation be a circular die with the title "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson," on the inside border, with the date "Incorporated August 19, 1813," and the words "New Jersey" in the middle of the die. Agreed to.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,  
Secretary.

December 7, 1886.

A meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Society was held this evening, at the Church.

The Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D. D., acted as Moderator, and Mr. William Nelson was elected Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

On motion, it was voted that the Congregation proceed to the selection of a pastor.

Mr. Henry I. Clark moved that an informal ballot be taken for pastor, and that Mr. S. Tasney and Mr. H. Banker be appointed tellers. Which was agreed to.

The informal ballot resulted as follows:

Frank E. Miller	47
Chas. W. Nevin	11
Paul Van Dyke	17
Chapin	4
Stevenson	2
Robert E. Caldwell	3
Blank	4
Total	88

Mr. Fenner moved that the meeting adjourn for two weeks. Which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Clark another informal ballot was taken, which resulted as follows :

Frank E. Miller	53
Paul Van Dyke	18
Chas. W. Nevin	5
Chapin	1
Herman C. Riggs, D. D.	1
Blank	5
Total	83

Judge Sanderson moved that a formal ballot be taken. Which was agreed to. The ballot resulted as follows :

Frank E. Miller	52
Paul Van Dyke	18
Chas. W. Nevin	7
Blank	11
Total	88

Mr. Nelson moved that the vote by pew-holders be taken as follows: The person voting shall write his or her name on the back of the ticket, and the vote or votes or part of a vote he or she is entitled to cast, according to the number of pews or proportional part of a pew such voter rents, and on the other side of the ballot the name of the person voted for. Agreed to.

A vote by pewholders was then taken, resulting as follows:

Frank E. Miller	21 $\frac{3}{8}$
Paul Van Dyke	5
Chas. W. Nevin	1
Total	27 $\frac{3}{8}$

Mr. Fenner moved that the call to Mr. Miller be made unanimous. Which was agreed to, *nem. con.*

Mr. Clark moved that a committee be appointed to sign and prosecute the call before Presbytery and to present the same to Mr. Miller, and that Messrs. James D. Lockwood, William G. Fenner, John Sanderson, E. G. Edwards and John Polley be the Committee for such purpose. Agreed to.

Mr. Clark moved that the annual salary of the pastor be \$2,500, with free use of the parsonage. Agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned, being closed with prayer by the Moderator.  
Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

December 30, 1886.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening at the house of the Secretary.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Fenner, Sanderson, Edwards, Muzzy, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held Dec. 7 were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, the President and the Secretary were re-appointed as the Finance Committee.

Judge Sanderson moved that Messrs. Muzzy, Fenner and Edwards be appointed as the Committee on Music for the ensuing year, instead of Messrs. Muzzy, Booth and Nelson, the committee last year. Agreed to.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Committee on General Supervision of Church Property be the same as last year—Messrs. Sanderson, Muzzy and Edwards. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, the consideration of the appropriation for music was deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Treasurer stated that he had selected Mr. Charles D. Burnet as Collector of pew-rents, and would like to have the Board confirm the appointment.

Mr. Fenner moved that the selection be confirmed by the Board. Agreed to.

The Treasurer presented a bill for \$77.04 for amount claimed by Mr. Robert Dalling, late Collector of pew-rents, to have been overpaid by him to the late Treasurer, on account of pew-rents. The President presented a letter from Mr. Dalling to the same effect.

On motion of Mr. Edwards the claim was referred to the Finance Committee, with power to settle if found correct.

Mr. Fenner called attention to the fact that the plaster cornice in the centre of the church ceiling was cracked in several places. He moved that the matter be referred with power to the Committee on Church Property. Agreed to.

The President stated that the principal object of the meeting was to consider the condition of the parsonage, or what ought to be done about repairing or disposing of it.

Mr. Fenner moved that the Committee on Church Property procure written estimates by experts as to what the parsonage property could probably be sold for, and also what the probable cost would be of putting the premises in proper order, and report back to the Board as soon as convenient. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Muzzy the Treasurer was authorized to pay \$15 for compensation to Miss Gehring for her services at the piano at prayer meetings.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

January 5, 1887.

A special meeting of the Board was held to-night at the church parlor.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Sanderson, Fenner, Muzzy, Nelson.

The Committee on Church Property reported that a written estimate had been received from Nealon & Farnon, offering to do all the plumbing needed at the parsonage, and to put in new bath-tub, for \$49.50. Mr. R. B. Garrison, painter, estimated that the necessary painting and papering would cost \$10 or \$50. The carpenter work it was estimated would cost \$10 to \$15. The Committee believed the work indicated would put the premises in a fair state of repair.

Mr. Fenner moved that the Committee's report be received, and the Committee authorized to go on and make the necessary repairs, at a cost not exceeding \$150. Agreed to.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Sec'y.

January 28, 1887.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board was held this evening, at the house of the Secretary.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Muzzy, Nelson.

The minutes of meetings held December 7 and 30 were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that there was \$750 or \$800 in the treasury, available for general church purposes, and \$111 to the credit of the Sunday school building fund. Report received.

The Committee on Church Property reported having employed Mr. Hartley, mason, to investigate and repair the cracks in the ceiling; he had been at work nearly three weeks, and was about done. The Committee had also employed Charles J. Sigler to paint the ceiling where the plaster had been repaired, at a cost of \$120, and he had begun work on Wednesday. Mr. John H. Post, architect, had been employed to examine as to the safety of the roof timbers. As regards the Parsonage: the carpenter work had all been done inside, at a cost of about \$20; the painting, papering and kalsomining had been done, and the plumbing also. The painter's bill would amount to \$60 or \$65, and the total expenses would be about \$135.

Report received.

The Committee on Church Music recommended that \$1,150 be appropriated for music for the ensuing year, with the understanding that the same persons be re-employed.

Report received and recommendation adopted.

The resignation of Freeman Strait, as sexton and janitor, was received and adopted.

On motion it was

*Resolved.* That Henry I. Clark, President, or E. G. Edwards, Treasurer, or either, be, and are hereby, authorized to receive and receipt for and to endorse checks for interest due or to become due on all United States Bonds registered in the name of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, or which may be made payable to the order of the said Society, by endorsement or mesne endorsement, until such authority is officially revoked and notice of revocation is properly given to the Treasury Department.

The Committee on Church Property was authorized to make temporary arrangements for a Janitor, until a permanent appointment could be made.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson, N. J., April 27, 1887.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening, in the church parlor.

Present--Messrs. Clark, Muzzy, Edwards, Sanderson, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held January 28 last were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his usual quarterly report, showing receipts and expenditures as follows:

Church Account :

Receipts	1807.88	Expenditures	1210.28
(Including bal. of \$741.69)		Bal. on hand	597.60

There would be probably a deficiency of \$220.76 on May 1.

Report received and referred to Finance Committee.

The Committee on Church Property reported the work on the church satisfactorily completed, at a cost of \$353. The Committee presented a detailed report from the architect, John H. Post, who had been employed to examine the roof, his report being to the effect that the roof was entirely safe. The Committee also reported that Mr. Strait had been retained as Janitor, at his own desire, he believing that he could give satisfaction.

Report received.

A bill of the architect, for \$10, was ordered paid.

A form of agreement was presented from Messrs. John Inglis, Edo Mer-

celis and Walter Dickson, in behalf of themselves and their prospective associates, whereby it was proposed that this Board should turn over to said parties, for twenty years, the complete control of its cemetery on the North side of Market street, for the improvement thereof, and should pay to said parties a per centage of the price of lots in excess of \$15.

On motion of Mr. Muzzy the Board declined to enter into any such agreement.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, it was resolved that the pastor be allowed to take four Sundays in August for his vacation this year.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

May 4, 1887.

A meeting of the Congregation was held this evening, at the call of the Session, pursuant to notice from the pulpit, for the purpose of electing two Elders.

The Pastor assumed the chair, and Mr. Wm. Nelson was chosen secretary of the meeting.

The Pastor stated that the Session at a recent meeting had resolved to recommend to the Congregation the election of two Elders.

On motion it was agreed to proceed to the election of Elders.

Mr. Henry I. Clark, in behalf of the Session, nominated for Elders for the term of six years:

Edmund G. Edwards

William Nelson

William Moore

Samuel V. S. Muzzy

Messrs. Muzzy and Nelson expressed their strong wish that the Congregation should not elect them.

Messrs. Henry I. Clark and Fred Halstead were appointed tellers.

The ballot being taken the tellers announced that fifty ballots had been cast, and that Messrs. Muzzy and Nelson had been elected Elders for the term of six years.

The meeting closed with prayer by Elder Lockwood.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

[Note:—Messrs. Muzzy and Nelson were ordained and installed Elders on Sunday, May 15, 1887.]

July 11, 1887.

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening at the residence of the President.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Sanderson, Fenner, Booth, Muzzy and Edwards.



In the absence of Mr. Nelson (in Europe), Mr. Edwards was elected Secretary pro tem.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The President stated that the object of the meeting was to present a letter of resignation of Mr. Muzzy, as follows:

Paterson, July 4, '87.

Mr. Henry I. Clark,

President Board of Trustees First Presbyterian Society:

Having become a member of the Board of Elders of our church, and feeling the responsibilities of such a position, in addition to my Sunday School work, to be as much as I care to assume, I would tender my resignation, as a member of the Board of Trustees; realizing it will be for the best interests of the church, that others be brought into the working Boards of this Society, thereby representing more generally our Congregation. Thanking the Board for its uniform kindness and courtesy to me as a member, and for the confidence you have seen fit to honor me with,

I remain,

Very respectfully,

Sam'l V. S. Muzzy.

Mr. Fenner offered the following:

*"Resolved*, That we accept the resignation of Mr. S. V. S. Muzzy as a member of the Board of Trustees.

*"Resolved*, That we are not unmindful of the great loss this Board sustains in parting with one who has taken so active a part in all the deliberations of this Board, and who has added strength in all that concerns the church in the conclusions of the Board of Trustees.

*"Resolved*, That through his interest in the welfare of the church he has thought that his time would more greatly add to its welfare by devoting his energies in other channels which in the end would give it greater strength and a larger share of prosperity.

*"Resolved*, That as a tribute of respect these resolutions be spread in full on the minutes."

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Muzzy thanked the Board for the kindness shown him, and assured the members of his willingness, at all times, to assist the Board in every way in his power.

Mr. Fenner nominated Robert Barbour, Esq., for election as a member of the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Muzzy.

Which was unanimously agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, the Treasurer was authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$300. if necessary, to meet current expenses.

Adjourned.

E. G. Edwards,

Secy pro tem.

November 1, 1887.

The Board met to-night, at the house of the President.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Sanderson, Fenner, Edwards, Nelson.

The minutes of the meetings held May 4 and July 11 were read and approved.

The Rev. D. W. Hutchinson, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, being present by request, stated that Mr. James Angus had offered to give a release for the site of that church, and to pay the mortgage thereon, if this Board would convey its interest therein to said church.

On motion of Mr. Nelson it was

*Resolved*, That when James Angus, Esq., shall execute a deed conveying to the Westminster Presbyterian Church the fee simple of the site whereon said church is now located, and shall provide for the payment of the mortgage heretofore given by this Board to him on two lots of said site, this Board will, within thirty days thereafter, execute a deed to said Westminster Presbyterian Church, conveying all the right, title and interest of this Board in and to said site; provided, that Mr. Angus executes the deed above mentioned on or before December 31st next.

Adopted.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the Treasurer was authorized to have the usual number of copies printed.

Mr. Fenner offered the following:

*Resolved*, That steps be taken at once to raise the present indebtedness on the Lecture Room.

2. That the Board of Trustees consult with the ladies of the congregation, to get as many of them as possible to serve on a committee to raise the amount.

3. That the Board of Trustees will serve as a committee of the whole, with our President as chairman, to co-operate with said committee of ladies.

4. That the Pastor be requested to call a meeting of the ladies of the congregation to act on this matter.

Mr. Nelson moved that a statement be prepared and printed, giving a list of the contributions heretofore made for the above purpose, the names

of the contributors, and a detailed account of the expenditures on the Lecture Room. Agreed to.

Also, that there be printed in the Treasurer's report, a statement of the contributions of the church for systematic beneficence.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

November 16, 1887.

At the request of the Board of Trustees, and in pursuance of notice from the pulpit, a meeting of the Congregation was held this evening in the Lecture Room, after prayer meeting.

Mr. Wm. G. Fenner was chosen chairman, and Mr. Wm. Nelson secretary.

Mr. Fenner made a vigorous appeal to the ladies to undertake the work of raising the debt on the lecture room.

Whereupon the following ladies volunteered as a committee: Mrs. John Bentley, Miss Ackerman, Mrs. Samuel V. S. Muzzy, Mrs. Henry Muzzy, Miss Kate Wilson, Miss Jennie Townsend, Mrs. Henry I. Clark.

The Committee were empowered to add to their numbers.

They chose Mrs. Bentley as chairman Miss Townsend as secretary, and Miss Ackerman as treasurer.

Adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

November 24, 1887.

The annual meeting of the Congregation was held this day (Thanksgiving), in the church, immediately after service, pursuant to notice given from the pulpit on the three next-preceding Sundays.

Mr. S. V. S. Muzzy was elected chairman, and Mr. Wm. Nelson secretary.

It was announced that the terms of office of the following Trustees expired at this time:

James Booth  
Edmund G. Edwards  
Wm. Nelson

The minutes of the congregational meeting held November 25, 1886, were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted, and ordered on the minutes.

For Trustees for the ensuing two years, the following gentlemen were nominated:

Wm. Nelson  
E. G. Edwards and  
James Wilson.

No other nominations were made.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Hogan and Coulthurst tellers.

On motion, the chairman was authorized and requested to cast the ballot for the meeting, which he did, and the tellers announced that the only ballot cast was for Messrs. Nelson, Edwards and Wilson, who were thereupon declared elected Trustees for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Clark, President of the Board of Trustees, stated that persons desirous of obtaining pews or sittings could be accommodated, on any terms, on application to the Board.

After singing the doxology the meeting adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance, Nov. 1st, 1886.....		\$ 165 49
Pew Rents.. ..	\$3,398 18	
Collections.....	587 30	
Cemetery Lots Sold.....	453 00	
Loan.....	400 00	4,838 48
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		\$5,003 97

##### PAYMENTS.

Salaries—Rev. F. E. Miller .....	\$1,875 00	
Choir .. ..	1,150 00	
Sexton.....	365 00	
Pulpit Supplies.....	345 00	
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		\$3,735 00
Insurance. ....	\$ 61 20	
Coal.....	91 65	
Gas .....	143 10	
Q. N. Evans & Co.....	20 00	
A. Hastings.....	5 25	
Press P. & P. Co.....	12 50	
Miss Gehring.....	15 00	
J. C. Christie.....	15 00	
Interest on Bond .....	60 00	
A. S. Barnes .....	20 25	
Water .....	24 00	

E. B. King & Co.....	28 28	
		496 23
Repairs at Church—J. H. Post.....	\$ 10 00	
Ira Hartley.....	203 97	
C. J. Sigler.....	150 00	
A. Cellarius.....	46 50	
D. Henry.....	10 53	
S. Smith & Son.....	15 74	
Labor.....	73 80	
		510 54
Repairs at Parsonage—R. B. Garrison.....	\$ 76 28	
Nealon & Farnon.....	69 21	
J. Conover.....	15 00	
		160 49
Expense, Cemetery Account.....		6 75
Incidentals.....		35 79
Deficit, Lecture Room Account.....		5 54
Cash, to balance.....		53 63
		<u>\$5,003 97</u>
Pew Rent arrears.....	\$ 828 90	

Lecture Room, November 1, 1886, to November 1, 1887.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance, per last report	\$ 13 16
Subscriptions.....	\$ 230 00
Loan.....	500 00
	<u>730 00</u>
Deficit.....	5 54
	<u>\$ 748 70</u>

#### LECTURE ROOM—RECEIPTS.

Insurance.....	\$1,315 58
Subscriptions.....	2,171 00
	<u>\$3,486 58</u>
Deficit.....	1,848 23
	<u>\$5,334 81</u>

#### PAYMENTS.

Interest on Loans.....	\$ 93 38
B. Crane & Son.....	121 75
A. Dickinson.....	11 00
F. W. Rumpf.....	122 57
Loan Paid.....	400 00
	<u>\$ 748 70</u>

#### PAYMENTS.

F. W. Rumpf.....	\$ 250 37
A. Dickinson.....	3,411 00
G. W. Myers.....	300 00
G. D. Voorhis.....	800 00
B. Crane & Son.....	121 75
Interest on Loans.....	109 00
	<u>\$4,992 12</u>
Unpaid Bills—	
G. D. Voorhis.....	\$ 190 69
Muzzy Bros.....	152 00
	<u>340 69</u>
	<u>\$5,334 91</u>

## MONTHLY COLLECTIONS, BY ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Home Missions.....	\$ 21 30	
Sustentation.....	9 00	
Foreign Missions.....	19 10	
Education.....	2 75	
Publication.....	2 40	
Church Erection.....	5 40	
Disabled Ministers.....	11 55	
Freedmen.....	8 30	
Aid for Colleges.....	5 10	
Sabbath School.....	16 50	
Miscellaneous.....	69 93	
General Fund.....	29 96	
		\$ 201 29
Communion Collections -Poor Fund .....		221 55

Paterson, N. J., January 30, 1888.

The Board of Trustees met this evening in the Church parlor.

Present--Messrs. Henry I. Clark, Edmund G. Edwards, John Sander-  
son, Wm. G. Fenner, Robert Barbour and Wm. Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held Nov. 1 were read and approved.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President--Henry I. Clark

Secretary--Wm. Nelson

Treasurer--Edmund G. Edwards.

John Faux was continued as Janitor on the same terms as last year.

The Treasurer's report, from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1 was presented and read,  
and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Edwards stated that Mr. Oborski was not satisfied with the allow-  
ance made for the choir and music.

On motion of Mr. Nelson it was

*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees have the highest regard for the  
professional ability of Prof. Oborski, as organist and director of the choir  
of this church, at ' take pleasure in expressing their approval of the high  
standard of music he has hitherto maintained in the management of the  
choir.

The Secretary reported in the matter of the Westminster Presbyterian  
church property that he had prepared a deed therefor to that church, setting  
out the history of the transaction and the reasons for the deed. This had  
been submitted to and approved by Mr. H. A. Williams, at the request of  
the Westminster church, and had been also submitted to and approved by  
Mr. T. C. Simonton, Jr., counsel for Mr. James Angus, the original

grantor, and who retained a reversionary interest in the property. On December 9, ult., Mr. Angus came to this city and delivered to the Westminster church a deed quit-claiming and releasing all his reversionary and other interest in the property. He also gave his check for \$1,000 to pay off the mortgage originally given by this church to him to secure the purchase money for part of the property. The Secretary thereupon delivered to the Rev. D. W. Hutchinson, pastor of the Westminster church, a duly executed deed to that church conveying all the interest of this church in and to said property.

The following note had been received:

“485 Main St. Paterson N. J.

January 4, 1888

“To the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson,  
N. J.

“Gentlemen: On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Paterson, I heartily thank you for your kindness in conveying your right, title and interest in the three lots now occupied by our church.

“Yours sincerely

“D. W. Hutchinson.”

Mr. Fenner moved that the Committee on Music be authorized, if necessary in their judgment, to increase the appropriation for music by \$100 for the ensuing year. Lost—3 to 3.

Mr. Nelson moved to make the appropriation \$100. Lost—3 to 3.

Mr. Clark moved to appropriate \$1150. Agreed to.

On motion, the President and the Treasurer were authorized to sign a note to meet necessary obligations for the coming quarter.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson, N. J., April 26, 1888.

The Board met in the church parlor.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Sanderson, Fenner, Barbour, Nelson.

The Treasurer presented his quarterly report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication was received from James Crooks, asking if the parsonage property was for sale, and if so at what price. Filed.

A note was received from Mr. F. Oborski returning his thanks for the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board. Filed.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

Finance—Clark and Nelson.

Music—Fenner, Edwards, Wilson.



General Supervision of Church Property—Sanderson, Barbour, Edwards.

On motion of Mr. Fenner the matter of selling the parsonage property was deferred until the next meeting.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

October 25, 1888.

The Board met in the church parlor.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Nelson, Wilson, Sanderson.

The minutes of the meeting held April 26, were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented a report covering the financial transactions of the past nine months. Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the President and Treasurer were authorized to borrow \$1,000 to meet accruing obligations, and to give a note for the same for three months, and to renew the same if necessary.

A communication was received from H. A. Williams, Esq., Attorney of the Executors of Ann Crossett, deceased, asking this Board to inform him what action, if any the Board intended to take in regard to her bequest for the erection of an iron fence.

Received and placed on file.

On motion, the Committee on General Supervision of Church Property was authorized and requested to ascertain the probable cost of an iron fence about the church premises, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

A communication was received from the Sandy Hill Cemetery Association, stating that the fences about the burial grounds between Market and Willis streets had been replaced, at a cost of \$157.80 on Park avenue, \$101.75 on Market street, and \$3.60 on the east end, and asking this church to contribute toward the cost.

Received and referred to the Committee on Church Property, to report at the next meeting what sum, if any, this Board should pay for said work.

On motion, Messrs. Clark and Nelson were appointed a committee to raise the balance of the Lecture Room account, and as much more money as they could get, to meet the accruing deficiency.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the Finance Committee were authorized to reinvest the principal and interest of the Devereux Fund at their discretion, to the best interest of said Fund, and that in such case the President of the Board be authorized to sign any instrument transferring the ownership and registry of the bond constituting said principal.

On motion, adjourned to Thursday, November 22, next.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

November 23, 1888.

The Board met in the church parlor.

Present—Clark, Henry I., Edmund G. Edwards, William Nelson, William G. Fenner, Robert Barbour, John Sanderson, James Wilson. Absent—none.

The minutes of the meeting held October 25 were read and approved.

The Treasurer submitted and read his annual report, duly audited by the Finance Committee, which on motion was received and ordered to be filed.

The Finance Committee reported having audited the Treasurer's report and found it correct. Report received.

The same Committee reported progress in regard to the reinvestment of the Devereux Fund. Report received.

The Committee on Church Property reported that the cheapest wrought iron fence around the church property, with stone foundations six feet apart, would cost from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Report received.

The Committee further reported that the Sandy Hill Cemetery Association had rebuilt about 200 feet of fence in front of our cemetery on the North side of Market street, and that about \$100 would be a fair price for the work. Report received.

The Committee further reported that the fence in front of the Cemetery on the south side of Market street was in bad condition. Report received and Committee authorized to have the fence repaired.

Mr. Nelson reported in the matter of the title to the Parsonage property that two courses were open to remove the restrictions in the title—1st, to obtain a quit-claim from the Society U. M.; 2d, to secure a construction of the deed from the Chancellor.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, Mr. Nelson was authorized and requested to take either or both the steps suggested to remove the restrictions in the title.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, it was decided to throw open the Eastern section of the New Cemetery for sale, beginning at the North end. Also, that Mr. Nelson be authorized to have a new map prepared of that section.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

November 29, 1888.

The annual meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church was held this day, in the church, immediately after the usual Thanksgiving services, pursuant to due notice from the pulpit.

On motion, Mr. Alfred W. Barnes was elected Chairman, and Mr. William Nelson, Secretary.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Benjamin Crane.

The minutes of the meeting held November 24, 1887, were read and approved.

It was stated that the term of office of the following Trustees expired, at this time:

John Sanderson  
Henry I. Clark  
William G. Fenner  
Robert Barbour.

On motion, they were re-elected, unanimously, the Secretary being authorized to cast the ballot of the Congregation.

On motion, the Treasurer's annual report, as printed and distributed, was accepted.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER, 1887-8.

## RECEIPTS.

## PAYMENTS.

Balance Nov. 1st, 1887	\$ 53 63	Loan, Nov. 1, '87, paid	\$ 400 00
Pew Rents. ....	\$3,453 35	Mrs. Mary Post, Mortgage Westminster Chapel	\$1,000 00
Collections. ....	625 95	Accrued Interest. ....	36 33
Cemetery Lots Sold. ....	845 00		
Lecture Room Deficit Nov. 1st, 1887. ....	5 54	Salaries. — Rev. F. E. Miller. ....	2,500 00
Loan. ....	1,000 00	Choir. ....	1,150 00
	5,929 84	Sexton. ....	366 00
Donation, James Angus to pay Mortgage, Westminster Chapel	1,000 00	Collector. ....	75 84
	\$6,983 47	Pulpit Supplies. ....	40 00
			1,131 84
		Insurance. ....	\$ 31 00
		Coal. ....	130 30
		Gas. ....	130 23
		Water. ....	24 00
		Nealon & Farnon. ....	33 46
		J. C. Christie. ....	15 00
		E. B. King & Co. ....	96 09
		Taxes 1887. ....	\$335 50
		" 1888. ....	317 50
		Incidental bills. ....	79 76
		Discount. ....	5 26
			1,198 10
		Cash on hand, to balance. ....	217 20
			\$6,983 47

## MONTHLY COLLECTIONS BY ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Home Missions.....	\$ 38 98	
Sustentation.....	6 30	
Foreign Missions.....	24 75	
Education.....	7 10	
Publication.....	4 50	
Church Erection.....	14 20	
Ministerial Relief.....	27 80	
Freedmen.....	11 00	
Aid for Colleges.....	11 65	
Sabbath School.....	27 15	
Miscellaneous.....	90 93	
General Fund.....	42 82	
	<hr/>	\$ 307 18
Communion Collections, Poor Fund.....		182 89
Special Collections.....		226 99
Pew Rent, arrears.....	\$ 435 00	

## LECTURE ROOM RE-BUILDING ACCOUNT.—Complete.

## RECEIPTS.

Insurance.....	\$1,315 58
Subscriptions.....	4,037 95
	<hr/> \$5,353 53

## PAYMENTS.

F. W. Rumpf.....	\$ 250 37
A. Dickinson.....	3,411 00
G. W. Myers.....	300 00
G. D. Voorhis.....	990 69
B. Crane & Son.....	121 75
Muzzy Bros.....	152 00
Interest on Loans.....	127 34

	<hr/> \$5,353 15
Balance.....	38
	<hr/> \$5,353 53

## SUBSCRIBERS.—LECTURE ROOM ACCOUNT.

Robert Barbour.....	\$500 00	Rev. David Magie, D. D....	\$100 00
Peter Adams.....	350 00	Mrs. Mary E. Ryle.....	100 00
Henry I. Clark.....	300 00	Muzzy Brothers.....	100 00
Edmund G. Edwards.....	230 00	John Bentley ..	95 00
John E. Clark.....	200 00	F. W. Rumpf.....	50 00
James Booth.....	200 00	Jas. D. Lockwood.....	50 00
Wm. G. Fenner.....	150 00	Thos. Gould.....	50 00
Wm. Nelson.....	135 00	Stephen Allen.....	50 00
Mrs. Caro. C. Edwards.....	135 00	S. V. S. Muzzy.....	50 00
Wm. H. Harmon.....	124 00	Mrs. Wm. Crossett ..	50 00
John Sanderson.....	100 00	James Wilson.....	50 00

Benj. Crane.....	50 00	W. B. Johnson....	5 00
John H. Hogan.....	40 00	R. G. Hughes.....	5 00
Mrs. H. Hatheway .....	40 00	E. L. Hewson.....	5 00
Morton Clark.....	35 00	Miss Theo. Munson.....	5 00
James McAlister.....	30 00	W. G. Shields.....	5 00
E. T. Bell.....	25 00	Mrs. S. Wiseman.....	5 00
W. W. Evans.....	25 00	D. Annan.....	5 00
H. Muzzy.....	25 00	Wm. Menzies.....	5 00
Mrs. Arch. Graham.....	25 00	Mrs. Slattery.....	5 00
Wm. Strange.....	25 00	I. A. Hopper.....	5 00
Chas. D. Beckwith.....	25 00	Wm. Coldthurst.....	5 00
Mrs. A. Hurd.....	20 00	S. Tasney.....	5 00
Miss A. Cunningham .....	20 00	F. W. Tasney.....	5 00
Rev. F. E. Miller.....	20 00	Geo. Glover.....	5 00
J. Van Nostrand.....	15 00	Mrs. Bonney.....	5 00
Mrs. A. McAllister .....	15 00	Misses Miller.....	5 00
E. H. Muzzy.....	15 00	Miss B. Reid.....	5 00
R. S. Hughes.....	10 00	Mrs. H. C. Doremus.....	5 00
Mrs. C. A. Ryerson.....	10 00	Mrs. Gillespie.....	5 00
J. A. McNab.....	10 00	Mrs. Roome.....	5 00
J. H. Berdan.....	10 00	Mrs. Sansworth.....	5 00
Miss H. Gordon.....	10 00	Miss J. Townsend.....	5 00
R. I. Hopper.....	10 00	Mrs. J. Bentley.....	5 00
Mrs. R. P. Westervelt.....	10 00	Miss J. Redmond.....	5 00
Mrs. D. Turnbull.....	10 00	Miss L. Redmond.....	5 00
Mrs. J. Phin.....	10 00	Mrs. Polley.....	5 00
Mrs. A. Close.....	10 00	Mrs. Gregson.....	5 00
Mrs. C. Godden.....	10 00	Mrs. W. H. Walker.....	5 00
Miss M. A. Dougherty.....	10 00	Jas. Lum.....	5 00
Chas. A. Henkle.....	10 00	Jas. Allison.....	4 00
Mrs. G. Wilson.....	10 00	Mrs. A. W. Barnes.....	3 00
Mrs. Worden.....	10 00	Miss Thompson.....	3 00
D. Mitchell.....	7 00	A. C. Millholland.....	2 00
Mrs. J. S. Tylee.....	6 00	Mrs. W. Thrift.....	2 00
Chas. Keeler.....	5 00	R. C. McGee.....	2 00
Wm. H. Walker.....	5 00	W. J. Slattery.....	2 00
Wm. M. Smith.....	5 00	E. C. Morse.....	2 00
Mary Thompson.....	5 00	Miss Monks.....	2 00
S. Thompson.....	5 00	W. Miller.....	2 00
Matt Thompson.....	5 00	Rachel Jenkins.....	2 00
P. H. Shields.....	5 00	Miss J. Ackerman.....	2 00
Allen Cluss.....	5 00	Mrs. Robertson.....	2 00

Jas. Brownlee.....	2 00	H. Banker.....	1 00
W. Raeburn.....	2 00	Mrs. Lindsay.....	1 00
Miss Atkinson.....	2 00	Mrs. McLaren.....	1 00
Mrs. Melville.....	2 00	Mrs. Speers.....	1 00
Mrs. Miller.....	2 00	Miss B. Carpenter.....	1 00
M. Gafney.....	2 00	E. Mather.....	1 00
T. Ritchie.....	2 00	Miss E. Martin.....	1 00
Miss Roome.....	2 00	Mrs. J. Townley.....	1 00
J. H. Berdan, Jr.....	2 00	Mrs. L. G. Patton.....	1 00
Mrs. Welling.....	2 00	Friend.....	1 00
Miss Annandale.....	1 50	Miss Allison.....	1 00
Miss Jordan.....	1 50	Mrs. Hudson.....	1 00
Mrs. Bowlsby.....	1 41	Mrs. Greaves.....	1 00
Mrs. M. Gibson.....	1 00	R. Allison.....	1 00
Mrs. J. A. Ackerman.....	1 00	Wm. McLoughlin.....	1 00
Miss Vanderbeck.....	1 00	Mr. Rider.....	1 00
J. Lang.....	1 00	E. Oates.....	.50
A. Robinson.....	1 00	Mrs. Pettigrew.....	50
Miss Robertson.....	1 00	Cash.....	7 54
A. Mitchell.....	1 00	Cash.....	4 00
A. McRae.....	1 00		

January 24, 1889.

The Board met in the Lecture Room.

Présent—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Sanderson, Fenner, Barbour, Wilson and Nelson. Absent—none.

The minutes of the meeting held November 23d last were read and approved.

On motion, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Henry I. Clark.

Treasurer—Edmund G. Edwards.

Secretary—William Nelson.

On motion, it was decided to continue John Faux as Janitor, during the pleasure of the Board, his compensation to be at the rate of one dollar per day.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint the usual Standing Committees, whereupon he appointed the following:

*Finance*—Clark and Nelson.

*Music*—Fenner, Edwards, Wilson.

*General Supervision of Church Property*—Sanderson, Barbour, Edwards.

On motion of Mr. Fenner the sum of \$1,150 was appropriated for the church music for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson the Treasurer was authorized to employ a competent collector of pew-rents, and report to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Nelson the President and Treasurer were authorized to borrow such sum as may be needed to meet accruing obligations.

The Treasurer presented his quarterly report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, Mr. Nelson was requested to go to Baltimore to see Mr. DeGrasse B. Fowler, in order, if possible, to secure releases from the Society for Establishing Useful Manufacturers and from the heirs of the late Roswell L. Colt, at the expense of the Board, for the property now held by this church.

On motion, the Committee on Church Property was authorized to pay the Sandy Hill Burial Grounds Protective Association \$50 as a contribution toward the erection of the new fence along the cemetery of this church on the north side of Market street, such payment not to be made, however, until said Association shall have restored the lot-fences heretofore removed by it.

A communication was received from James A. Morrisse, asking the Board to put a price on the parsonage property.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, action thereon was deferred for the present.

Adjourned

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

March 1, 1889.

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening, in the church parlor.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Barbour, Edwards, Sanderson, Fenner, Nelson.

Mr. Nelson made a report regarding his negotiations for releases for the church property, and the legal questions involved.

1. The heirs of Roswell L. Colt were expected to execute and deliver a release of all their interest in the Parsonage.

2. The Society's Land Company would execute and deliver a release for the New Cemetery, and a deed for the Old Cemetery.

3. The Church is to convey to The Society's Land Company a gore jutting out into Graham avenue and enough land to give said Company a tier of lots 90 feet deep, fronting on the west side of Graham avenue, beginning at a point 100 feet from the north side of Market street,

4. These deeds and other deeds on which they depend to be exchanged simultaneously.

A form of deed from the church to The Society's Land Company was submitted.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the actions of Mr. Nelson in the matter of the negotiations, etc., were approved, and the President was authorized to



execute and deliver the deed from this Church to The Society's Land Company.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Nelson for his services in the matter.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

April 25, 1889.

The Board met this evening in the church parlor.

Present—Barbour, Clark, Sanderson, Wilson, Fenner, Nelson, Edwards.

The minutes of the meetings held January 24 and March 1 were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his quarterly report, showing a deficiency of \$23.47; on May 1 there would be needed \$942.50; collectible pew rents in arrears, \$446.96. Referred to Finance Committee.

A motion of Mr. Fenner, the President and Treasurer were authorized to borrow a sufficient sum to meet accruing demands.

Mr. Nelson reported that the negotiations in relation to the church property had been concluded on the basis reported upon at the meeting held March 1.

Report received.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson the Treasurer was authorized to pay Mr. Nelson fifty dollars for his services in the matter.

Mr. Fenner moved as the sense of the Board that the Parsonage property be sold. Agreed to.

Mr. Fenner moved that the Secretary cause notice to be given in the newspapers that the Board is willing to sell the Parsonage property. Agreed to.

Mr. Sanderson moved as the sense of the Board that we will take \$35,000 for the property. Agreed to.

The Committee on Church Property reported that the church needed painting.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, the Committee was authorized to have the work done.

On motion, adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

October 31, 1889.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening, at the Lecture Room.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Wilson, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held April 25, 1889, were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his annual report.

The Committee on Church Property reported having caused the church exterior to be painted two coats, by P. J. Donlevy, and the walls to be pointed up where needed, at a total cost of \$458.30.

Report received, and the Committee thanked for the excellent discretion shown in making the improvements.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized, on the approval of the Committee on Music, to pay \$100 to Mr. Oborski on account of disbursements heretofore made for sheet music for the choir.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Henry I. Clark be and is hereby authorized and empowered to assign one thousand dollars six per cent. currency bond issued to the Union Pacific Railroad Company (of 1898) No. 2965 United States Registered Bond now standing in the name of the Trustees of this Society, and to appoint one or more attorneys for that purpose.\*

On motion, the President was authorized to sign deeds in blank for cemetery lots as presented to him from time to time by the present Secretary.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

November 28, 1889.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson was held this day (Thanksgiving) in the church, immediately after service, pursuant to due notice from the pulpit.

On motion, Mr. S. V. S. Muzzy was elected chairman, and Mr. William Nelson secretary.

Prayer was offered by Elder Moore.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

On motion the following Trustees were unanimously re-elected for two years:

William Nelson

Edmund G. Edwards

James Wilson.

On motion, adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

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\*This money belonged to the Devereaux Fund (see pages 123-4 *ante*); the purpose of this resolution was to sell the bond at the high premium it then commanded. This was done, and the proceeds deposited in the Paterson Savings Institution. The income has not been used in several years, and the Fund now (November 1, 1891) amounts to \$1,669.36, of which \$1,500 is invested in bond and mortgage (dated 25, 1891, and recorded in Book Z 3 of Passaic County Mortgages, page 249), and \$169.36 deposited in the Paterson Savings Institution.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 1st, 1889.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance Nov. 1st, 1888	\$ 217 58
Pew Rents . . . . .	\$3,421 67
Collections . . . . .	677 39
Cemetery Lots sold . . .	846 00
	<hr/> 4,945 03
Loan, President's note.	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$7,162 64

## PAYMENTS.

Salaries: Rev. F. E. Miller . . .	\$2,500 00
Choir . . . . .	1,150 00
Sexton . . . . .	367 00
Supplies . . . . .	60 00
	<hr/> \$4,077 00
Insurance . . . . .	113 50
Coal . . . . .	110 80
Gas . . . . .	116 03
Water . . . . .	24 00
Taxes . . . . .	355 00
Discounts . . . . .	31 67
E. B. King & Co. . . .	50 59
G. D. Voorhis . . . . .	101 47
Press Print. & Pub. Co. .	9 10
C. M. Herrick . . . . .	4 50
G. G. Halstead . . . .	20 00
M. Clark . . . . .	2 10
D. Henry . . . . .	81 97
E. M. Stiles . . . . .	3 23
J. Norwood & Co. . . .	6 24
J. H. Morrow Pres't. .	50 00
Expense, perfecting title to Cemetery and Parsonage deeds . . .	50 00
G. Moffett . . . . .	154 00
P. J. Donlevy . . . . .	304 30
J. M. Rogers . . . . .	75 00
Geo. Swift & Co. . . . .	27 06
Blauvelt & Wadsworth .	8 34
J. Murray . . . . .	39 15
J. C. Christie . . . . .	15 00
Expense at Cemetery, (snow) . . . . .	1 50
	<hr/> 1,754 55
Loan paid . . . . .	1,000 00
Cash, to balance . . . .	331 09
	<hr/> \$7,162 64

## MONTHLY COLLECTIONS BY ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Home Missions . . . . .	\$ 34 03
Sustentation . . . . .	8 60
Foreign Missions . . . . .	39 65
Education . . . . .	12 00
Publication . . . . .	7 75

Church Erection.....	\$ 21 00
Ministerial Relief.....	62 90
Freedmen.....	15 50
Aid for Colleges.....	7 25
Sabbath School.....	22 15
Miscellaneous.....	69 96
General Fund.....	36 38
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	\$ 337 17
Communion Collections Poor Fund.....	160 57
Special Collections.....	161 44
Pew rent arrears.....	353 63

December 20, 1889.

The Board of Trustees met this evening at the lecture room.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Barbour, Fenner, Sanderson, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held October 31 were read and approved.

On motion, officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows:

*President*—Henry I. Clark

*Treasurer*—E. G. Edwards

*Secretary*—Wm. Nelson.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint the usual Standing Committees, whereupon he appointed the following:

*Finance*—Clark and Nelson.

*Music*—Fenner, Edwards, Wilson.

*General Supervision of Church Property*—Sanderson, Barbour Edwards.

The Treasurer reported that he had employed Herbert Clark to assist him in the collection of pew-rents.

On motion it was decided to continue John Faux as Janitor, during the pleasure of the Board, his compensation to be at the rate of one dollar per day.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, the sum of \$1,150 was appropriated for the church music for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Church Music reported having authorized the Treasurer to pay Prof. Oborski \$100, as compensation for expenditures by him for sheet music.

Report received.

On motion of Mr. Fenner it was decided that the Parsonage property be considered as in the market, and that if any offer be received of upwards of \$35,000 the President shall call a special meeting of the Board to consider the matter.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, the Secretary was requested to call on the Pastor and explain to him that the Board is taking steps for the sale of

the Parsonage, and in that event will be able to provide another parsonage more agreeable to him.

On motion of Mr. Fenner the Secretary was authorized and requested to see Mr. J. W. Griggs, counsel for the Morris & Essex Extension, and inform him that if said road wishes to buy our parsonage property, the road is requested to deal directly with this Board.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to communicate with lot owners in the old cemetery and ascertain if they will exchange lots on Market street for lots further in the rear.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson, N. J., January 31, 1890.

The Board of Trustees met this evening at the Lecture room.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Wilson, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held December 20 last were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his quarterly report.

Balance Nov. 1, 1889.....	\$ 331 07
Pew rents.....	\$ 869 30
Collections.....	138 29
Cemetery lots.....	252 00
Loan.....	2,000 00
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	3,259 59
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	\$3,590 66

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Salaries.....	\$1,004 50
General Disbursements.....	2,134 16
Gas....	33 15
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	3,171 81
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	\$ 418 85

Report received and referred to Finance Committee, and if found correct to be filed.

The Committee on Music reported having arranged to continue the same choir next year.

The Secretary reported having called on the Pastor as requested at the last meeting, and informed him of the Board's expectations in regard to the parsonage.

He also reported having seen Mr. Griggs in relation to the sale of the

parsonage to the Morris & Essex Railroad Extension.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson, N. J., April 24, 1890.

The Board of Trustees met in the Church parlor. Present—Messrs. Clark, Edwards, Fenner, Sanderson, Nelson.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer presented his quarterly report, showing a balance on hand of \$122.58, with a note in Bank for \$1,000, due May 7, and salaries due May 1 amounting to \$942.50. The receipts for the quarter had been \$1,037.04, and the expenditures \$1,333.33.

Report received and referred to Finance Committee.

It having been published that the Board of Health of Paterson proposed to pass an ordinance prohibiting the further sales of burial lots, and further interments in the Presbyterian cemeteries, Mr. Nelson was authorized to take such measures as in his judgment might be necessary to restrain the passage of such ordinance, or to contest its validity if it should be passed, at an expense not to exceed \$100.

After some discussion as to the income and the outgo of the church, the President of the Board was authorized to sell the Parsonage property, for not less than \$40,000, and to pay a commission of not more than \$1,000 on the sale at that price.

On motion of Judge Sanderson it was decided that the Church site be offered to the city for a city hall site for \$90,000, and that Mr. Fenner be authorized to make that statement to the joint committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Trade to consider city hall sites.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson, N. J., October 30, 1890.

The Board met at the Church parlor.

Present—Clark, Edwards, Fenner, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held January 31 and April 24 were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Nelson reported that the ordinance of the Board of Health, referred to at the last meeting, had been passed by that Board, and he had obtained a writ of certiorari removing the ordinance to the Supreme Court for review as to its validity.



Mr. Clark reported that he had done nothing in regard to the sale of the Parsonage property; he had been advised that the church was losing nothing by holding on to the property, owing to the rise in value of Market street property.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Committee on Church Property be requested to take into consideration the expediency of leasing the Church parsonage, and in connection therewith, of securing another parsonage more agreeable to our Pastor, and report back to the Board. Agreed to.

Mr. Edwards moved that from and after November 1 next the Janitor be paid \$35 per month. Agreed to.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

November 27, 1890.

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson (the congregation in general) was held this day (Thanksgiving), in the church, immediately after service, pursuant to due notice from the pulpit.

On motion, Mr. Samuel Tasney was elected chairman, and Mr. Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Prayer was offered by Elder Moore.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Congregation, held November 28, 1889, were read and approved.

It was stated that the terms of office of the following Trustees expired at this time:

John Sanderson  
Henry I. Clark  
William G. Fenner  
Robert Barbour.

All four were nominated for re-election, and there being no other nominations the Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot, and the four Trustees named were re-elected.

The Treasurer's report was presented and received, and ordered to be entered in the minute-book, and the thanks of the meeting were voted to the Treasurer for his long and admirable services as Treasurer.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER, FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 1, 1890.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance Nov. 1st, 1889,	\$	331 09
Pew rents.....	\$3,392 45	
Collections .....	633 07	

##### PAYMENTS.

Salaries: Rev. F. E.	
Miller.....	\$2,500 00
Choir.....	1,150 00



Cemetery Lots sold...	528 00	Sexton.....	365 00	
	4,493 52	Supplies ...	40 00	
Loans, President's note	2,500 00			\$4,055 00
	\$7,324 61	Insurance.....	61 20	
		Coal.....	103 40	
		Gas.....	121 77	
		Water .....	24 00	
		Taxes .....	380 00	
				690 37
		Discounts.....		98 27
		Accounts:		
		F. Oborski.....	100 00	
		C. M. Herrick .....	3 75	
		G. G. Halstead .....	20 00	
		D. Henry.....	73 21	
		E. Wadsworth .....	1 35	
		G. D. Voorhis.....	6 50	
		Press P. & P. Co.....	10 75	
		J. C. Christie.....	15 00	
		P. J. Donlevy.....	10 76	
		Labor.....	3 75	
		J. Murray.....	8 97	
		Collector, commission.	66 61	
		" expense.....	1 40	
				322 05
		Loan Paid.....		2,000 00
		Cash to balance.....		158 92
				\$7,324 61

## MONTHLY COLLECTIONS BY ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Home Missions.....	70 20
Sustentation .....	10 60
Foreign Missions.....	55 40
Education.....	12 10
Publication... ..	14 80
Church Erection .....	21 50
Ministerial Relief.....	14 50
Freedmen.....	14 80
Aid for Colleges.....	7 75
Sabbath School.....	32 55
Miscellaneous.....	42 89
General Fund.....	32 12
Communion Collections, Poor Fund.....	152 15
Special Collections.....	212 29
Pew rent arrears, \$430 14.	

Paterson, N. J., Jan, 29, 1891.

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in the Church Parlor.

Present—Messrs. Clark, Barbour, Sanderson and Edwards.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Edwards was chosen to act as Secy. pro tem.

Minutes of meeting Oct. 30 | 90 were read and on motion approved, also minutes of Congregational Meeting Nov. 27, 1890.

On motion, the election of officers for ensuing year was proceeded with with following result:

Henry I. Clark, President.

E. G. Edwards, Treasurer.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

The President appointed standing committees, as follows:

Music—Fenner, Edwards and Wilson.

Finance—Clark and Nelson.

General Supervision of Church Property—Sanderson, Barbour and Edwards.

Appointment of Collector of Pew rents was left to Treasurer with power.

Appointment of Sexton, at salary of \$35.00 per month, was left to committee on Genl. Sup. Church Property.

Treasurer presented his quarterly report and on motion same was referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, seconded by Mr. Barbour, the President was authorized to commission Mr. James Crooks to effect the sale of the Parsonage property for the sum of forty-five thousand dollars.

On motion, adjourned.

E. G. Edwards, Secy. pro tem.

Paterson, N. J., March 9, 1891.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this evening at the residence of the President.

Present—Clark, Barbour, Edwards, Nelson.

The Secretary stated that he had received applications for the purchase of three building lots on Market street near Graham avenue, being part of the New Cemetery.

On motion of Mr. Barbour the President was authorized to execute deeds for any of the lots, at the price of \$1,200 for the corner lot, and \$1,000 for either of the others.

On motion it was agreed to insert in the deeds a restriction against the use of the lands for the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secy.

Paterson, N. J., April 30, 1891.

The regular meeting of the Board was held this evening at the residence of the President. Present—Clark, Edwards, Sanderson, Barbour, Fenner, Nelson.

The minutes of the meeting held March 9, 1891, were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his quarterly report:

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Bal. Jan. 29, 1891,.....	\$ 472 60	Salaries.....	\$ 982 50
Pew rents.....	1,024 68	Coal.....	41 60
Collections.....	184 34	Gas.....	31 18
Cem. Lot.....	15 00	Water.....	6 00
“ acct 3 lots.....	1,600 00	Disc.....	22 43
		J. W. Griggs.....	100 00
		Nealon & Farnon.....	14 65
		G. D. Voorhis.....	54 56
		Loan.....	2,000 00
		Cash on hand.....	43 70
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	\$3,296 62		\$3,296 62

Report received and referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Nelson reported in the case of the Henry White estate, that Mr. Griggs and he had filed an answer to the bill in Chancery on April 25.

A communication was received from Miss McLees, in relation to the care of the New Cemetery. Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, Mr. Nelson was authorized to take steps to perfect the title to the church site.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secretary.

Paterson, N. J. Aug 25, 1891.

A special meeting of the Board was held to-night at the house of the President.

Present—Clark, Fenner, Wilson and Edwards.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Edwards was chosen Secretary pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Fenner the Committee on Supervision of Church Property was authorized to erect an iron fence around the church property on Main, Ward, Cross and Oliver streets, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

The President presented a letter from Mr. Robert Barbour, advocating the sale of the Parsonage property for \$40,000, provided the same could be effected.

The President also stated that he had revoked the authority given to Mr. James Crooks at a previous meeting to sell the property.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, it was

Resolved, That the President be authorized to effect the sale of the Parsonage property for \$40,000.

Adjourned.

E. G. Edwards, Secy. pro tem.

Paterson, N. J., Oct. 29, 1891.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board was held this evening, at the house of the President.

Present—Clark, Edwards, Fenner, Sanderson, Nelson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 30 and of the special meeting held August 25 were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his quarterly report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fenner the President was authorized to borrow \$500 to meet current expenses.

The Committee on Supervision of Church Property reported having awarded to the J. L. Mott Iron Works, of New York, a contract for erecting an iron fence about the church premises, according to a plan prepared by Mr. F. Wm. Rumpf; the fence to be completed by January 1, next, and to cost \$3 per lineal foot, the total estimated cost being \$1,761, besides the fees of the architect and the cost of an extra coat of paint.

Report received.

A communication was received from the Paterson Railway Company, asking leave to erect three iron poles on Main street, for the purpose of operating an electric railway on Main street.

On motion, leave was granted.

A communication was received from R. M. Ekins, asking whether or not the Board would entertain a proposition to lease the Parsonage property, and if so, upon what terms.

On motion of Mr. Nelson it was voted to be the sense of the Board that we are willing to lease the Parsonage property, and, that the terms of the lease be referred to the Committee on Church Property, with the President, to report back to the Board.

The President reported having loaned \$1,500 of the Devereaux Fund, on bond and mortgage at five per cent. on property worth \$8,000. Report received.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson, Secy.

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14	J. J. V. HOUTEN 100.	H. TAYLOR 121.43						66
16	ENOS LYON 100.	JAS. HALL 121.43						79
18	85.72	H. WHITELEY 128.58						62
20	W. H. THOMPSON 114.29	THO. FLOOD 128.58						60
22	S. E. FRIESTMAN 114.29	W. FERGUSON. 128.58						58
24	114.29	M. W. WELLER 128.58						56
26	M. C. REE 85.72	ROBT. KING. 114.29						54
28	W. M. GOULD 100.	THO. CLARK 114.29						52
30	100.	THO. CLARK JR 114.29						50
32	100.	GROVER MILLER 100.						48
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67	FOR MR. FISHER	THOS HENRY 100.	84
65	DR. WARREN 121.43	DR. ELLISON 100.	86
63	S. COLT. 128.58	L. WHITE 85.72.	88
61	P. COLT. 128.58	JNO. COLT 114.29	90
59	P. COLT. 128.58	JNO. COLT. 114.29	92
57	C. M. GOODWIN. 128.58	FOR M. GOODWIN 114.29	94
55	MR. R. O. KING. 114.29	DRA. HOSHER 85.72	96
53	JNO. R. GOWD 114.29	JNO. W. BENSON 100.	98
51	P. JACKSON. 114.29	DR. E. WARE 100.	100
49	JNO RAY 100.	100.	102
47	P. COLT 78.58	64.29	104
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Jno. Parke 92.86	90
Jos. Ferris 92.86	92
R. O. Robinson 92.86	94
N. Sexton 92.86	96
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# DOCUMENTS.

## I.

### ORIGINAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR STATED RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN PATERSON.

Conceiving it to be of much importance and highly necessary for the good and well being of the Inhabitants of Paterson to have stated and regular preaching and also a Clergyman to reside in the place, and being desirous to ascertain the amount of money that can be depended upon yearly for the above purpose, it is thought necessary to circulate a subscription paper, and the amount that may be subscribed will be subject to the disposal of the majority of the subscribers of any meeting that may be called for that purpose and shall be appropriated for the Support of such Clergyman and in such manner as may be thought most advisable—The amount so subscribed shall be paid either quarterly or half yearly— It is not intended that any person who may subscribe, that they shall be bound to pay the money if in case they move from Paterson or its vicinity. Therefore we the Subscribers do hereby promise and obligate ourselves to pay annually at such periods as may hereafter be agreed upon by the majority of said subscribers at any meeting and to such persons also as shall be appointed the Respective Sums set opposite to our names.

Paterson March 10th 1813

David Auchinvole	10	Alexander Carmichael	8
& one Dollar for		Robert Adams	5
each apprentice		Cornelius P Van Hor	3
Samuel Colt	10	David Ackerman	3
Aaron King	10	John Rutan	4
Oshea Wilder	10	Thos Parkes	5
Nathl McKee	10	John Howard	2
Jas. Shepherd	10		
R King	10		
Robert Cuningham	5		
William Dickey	5		
Job F Baker	2		
Thomas Bonnell	1		
Robt Patterson	3		

Alvan Wilcox	10
O D Ward	10
Stephen S Gould	6
Brown King	10
Daniel F. Lockwood	6
Enos Lyon	3
Zadock Brown	5
Thomas Williamson	5
Adam Moore	6
Thos Halliday	6
Hugh Cairns	4
Elniry Dunning	3
Munson Godwin	3
George Town	1
Wm McCown	3
Robert Richay	4
Hosea Markham	2
Thos Bland	2
Alzamon Markham	2

## II.

### ANOTHER SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

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Paterson March 10th 1813

O D Ward for 12 apprentices	12	Wm G Ward	2
“ for I. Clason	10	Ezekiel Wade	10
Encreas Gould	10	Stephen Canfield	2
Henry Godwin	10 00	James Gatty	2
John Clark	10	Baltus Winters	5
Samuel Coon	5	Benjn Weller	3
Robert Sleator	3 50	Henry Howell Jun	3
Peter Crawford	10		
John F. Gould	10		
John G. Van Houten	1		
Stephen S. Gould	4		
Daniel			
Aron Gould	2		
Robert Collet	5		
Peter B. Newton	3 50		
Asa G. Larkin	2		
John Winans	5		

## III.

## AGREEMENT TO FORM A PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY.

We the undersigned heads of Families, do hereby agree to form ourselves into a Presbyterian Society to be connected with the Presbetry of New Jersey for the Purpose of enjoying the Religious worship and ordinances of the Gospel—Patterson 19th August 1813

Samuel Colt  
James Brooks  
Wm Nicoles  
Daniel F. Lockwood  
John flood  
Cornelius C Van Houten  
Samuel Coon  
John Clark  
Joseh F James  
Samuel Campbell  
Matthew Rippey  
Baltus Winters  
Elijh Searls  
Robt Patterson  
David A Freeland  
David Spear  
Rich Ward  
Nath McKee  
Peter Crawford  
Henry Howell Jur

Peter Colt  
Aaron King  
Brown King  
Robert King per B K  
Stevn S Gould  
Jacob Douglass  
Oshea Wilder  
Zadock Brown  
Thos McEnally  
James Love  
John Rutan  
David Auchinvole  
Jno Colt  
Alvan Wilcox  
Henry Godwin  
Ezekel Wade  
John R Gould

## IV.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At a meeting of a number of the Inhabitants of Paterson convened at the house of Mr. O. D. Ward, in pursuance of an advertisement to that effect bearing date 9th Inst. for the Purpose of forming a Presbyterian religious association, as specified in the preamble at the Head of the Subscribers names attached to this Sheet, & for choosing trustees, &c. Mr. D. Auchinvole being chosen chairman of the Meeting & B King Secy. the following resolutions were adopted.

- 1st Resolved. That the above association Shall be Known by the name of the "First Presbyterian Society in the town of Paterson."—
- 2d Resolved. That Seven Trustees be appointed.—
- 3d Resolved. That Sl Colt Brown King Oshea Wilder Alvan Wilcox John Gould David Auchinvole & John Colt, are the trustees appointed by this meeting.
- 4th Resolved. That the trustees be requested to proceed to have those proceedings recorded and the necessary steps taken to become an incorporated body for the purposes express'd above.
- 5th Resolved. That the trustees be requested to proceed & take the necessary steps to raise money by Subscription in the place & otherwise for the purpose of erecting a Building for Public Worship.

David Auchinvole Chn.  
Brown King Secy

Paterson August 19th 1813.

## V.

"THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY IN PATTERSON."

We the trustees, appointed by a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Patterson, County of Essex & State of New Jersey, held at the house of Mr. Oliver D. Ward on the 19th Inst for the purpose of forming a Presbyterian Association, do Certify that we have taken upon ourselves the name & title of "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Patterson."

Samuel Colt	[l. s.]
Brown King	[l. s.]
Oshea Wilder	[l. s.]

Alvan Wilcox	[l. s.]
John R. Gould	[l. s.]
David Auchinvole	[l. s.]
Jno. Colt	[l. s.]

Received in the Office the 30th day of August 1813 and Recorded same day.

S. WHITEHEAD Clk.

[A true copy as recorded in Book A of Miscellanies, p. 100, Essex County Clerk's office.]

## VI.

### ORIGINAL DEED FOR CHURCH SITE AND FOR OLD CEMETERY.

This indenture, made this eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fourteen Between "The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactories," in the State of New Jersey, of the one part, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said Society, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand well and truly paid, by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said Society therewith fully satisfied, contented, and paid, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents Do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, convey, and confirm, to the said Trustees and to thier successors forever, All that certain peice of Land, situate in the town of Paterson, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, more particularly described and bounded as follows, to wit, beginning on the Paterson and Hamburg Turnpike at the southeast corner of house lot No. 25 running thence westerly One hundred and twenty nine feet to Cross street, thence southerly along east side of said street Two hundred and twenty feet to Oliver street, thence Easterly along said street Eighty one feet to the Turnpike, thence Northerly along the West side of the Turnpike One hundred and sixty one feet seven inches to the place of beginning for the purpose of erecting a building thereon to be used or occupied as a Presbyterian Church and for no other purpose or use whatever also that certain other peice of land Beginning on the South side of Market street at the North east corner of Abraham Van Blarcoms Land and running thence along Market street South sixty seven degrees East One hundred and fifty feet thence at right angles, South twenty three degrees West Two hundred and eighty six feet to Abraham Van Blarcoms land—thence North Five degrees East Three hundred and twenty four feet to the place of beginning to be

used as a Burial ground and not to be occupied for any other purpose whatsoever Together with all and singular the profits, privileges, and advantages, with the appurtenances unto the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining. Also all estate, right, title interest property, claim, and demands whatsoever, as well at law as in equity, of them the said Society, of, in, and to the same, and of every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold all and singular the above described Lots and premises, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and thier successors to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part, and thier successors forever. Provided always, and these presents are on this condition, that the said first described lot of ground hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed, be used for the purpose of erecting a Building thereon to be solely occupied or used as a Presbyterian Church and not be used or occupied for any other purpose whatsoever, and the second described Lot hereby granted, to be used solely as a Burial ground, and not to be used or occupied for any other purpose whatsoever otherwise these presents, and the Estate hereby granted, shall cease, determine and become void to all intents and purposes. And the said Society do, for themselves, thier successors and assigns, covenant and grant to and with the said party of the second part, and thier successors, that they, the said Society, now are the true, lawful and right owners of all and singular the above described Lots and premises. with the appurtenances unto the same belonging ; and that the said Lots and premises, or any part thereof, at the time of sealing and delivery of these presents, are not encumbered by any mortgage, judgment, or limitation, or by any incumbrance whatsoever, by which the title of the said Trustees and thier Successors hereby made or intended to be made, for the above described Lots and premises can or may be changed, charged, altered, or defeated, in any way whatever ; and also, that the said Society now have good right, full power, and lawful authority, to grant bargain, sell, and convey the above described Lots and premises in manner aforesaid ; and also, that they will warrant, secure, and forever defend, the said Lots and premises, unto the said party of the second part, against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person or persons, clearly and freely discharged and freed of and from all manner of incumbrances whatever. In Testimony whereof the Governor of said Society hath hereunto put his hand, and affixed the seal of said Society, the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered }  
in presence of }

Jno Colt  
C W Colt

per order  
Roswell L Colt [L. s.]  
Govr Society U M.



Essex County ss. Be it remembered that on this fourteenth day of April In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, and eighteen, before me Philemon Dickerson one of the Masters in Chancery of the State of New Jersey, Personally appeared John Colt who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he saw Roswell L Colt sign the within deed, and affix the seal of the Grantors to the same and that he knows the seal hereunto affixed, to be the seal of the said Society, and that the said Roswell L Colt was at that time Governor of the said Society, And further that he signed the said Deed as a witness, and that the said C. M. Colt at the same time signed her name as a witness.

Taken and sworn the  
day & year above written before me  
Ph: Dickerson Master in  
Chancery

[Endorsed:]

Society for Establishing Useful Manufacres  
to  
First Presbyterian Church at Paterson.  
Deed.

11th July 1814.

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Received in the Office the 14th day of April A D 1818 and recorded in  
book E 2 of deeds for Essex County—

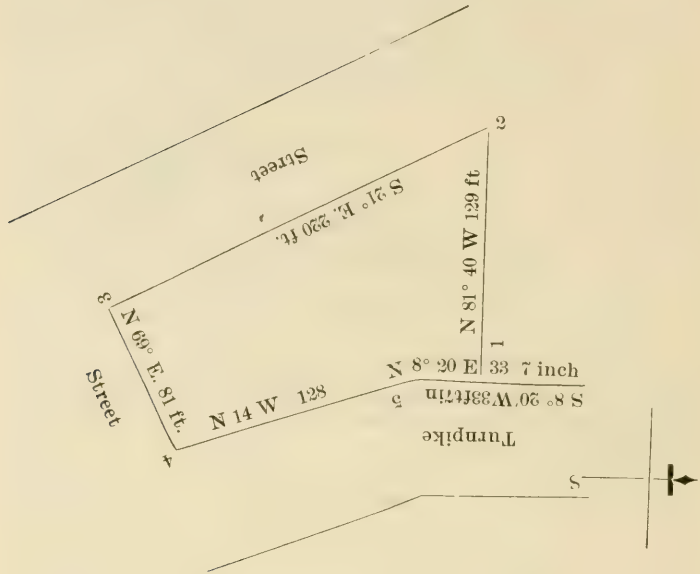
Pages 72 & 73.

Silas Whitehead Clk.

14½ paid.

## VII.

PLAN OF THE CHURCH LOT.



"A plot or map of land appropriated for a church in Paterson by Roswell L. Colt, drawn by P. R. Hopkins on a scale of fifty feet\* to an inch July 4th 1814"

\*The above is one half in size of the original plan.

"QUALIFICATIONS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN PATERSON."

New Jersey— } We Samuel Colt Brown King Oshea Wilder Alvan Wilcox  
Essex County } John R. Gould David Auchinvole and John Colt do Sol-  
emly Sware that we will support the Constitution of the  
United States—So Help me God.

Samuel Colt  
Brown King  
Oshea Wilder  
Alvan Wilcox  
John R. Gould  
David Auchinvole  
Jno Colt.

Sworn Before me the  
23d day of August 1813  
Encreas Gould Justice of peace

New Jersey } We Samuel Colt Brown King Oshea Wilder Alvan Wilcox  
Essex County } John R. Gould David Auchinvole and John Colt do sol-  
emly Sware that we do and will Bear true faith and Allie-  
gence to the Government Established in this state under  
the Authority of the people So Help me God

Samuel Colt  
Brown King  
Oshea Wilder  
Alvan Wilcox  
John R. Gould  
David Auchinvole  
Jno Colt

Sworn Before me the }  
23 day of August 1813— }  
Encreas Gould Justice of the peace

We Samuel Colt Brown King Oshea Wilder Alvan Wilcox John R Gould  
David Auchinvole and John Colt do solemnly promise and Sware that we  
Will faithfully Impartially and Justly perform all the duties of the office of  
Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society in Paterson According to the best  
of Our Abilities and Understandings So help me God—

Sworn before me this  
23 day of August 1813  
Encreas Gould Justice of the Peace

Samuel Colt  
Brown King  
Oshea Wilder  
Alvan Wilcox  
John R. Gould  
David Auchinvole  
Jno Colt

## CASH RECEIVED FOR THE NEW CHURCH.

Augt 11—1827

## Cash Received on Subscription List for New Church

N. Talor paid	\$5
H. F Ryerson do	10
I Lambert do	10
John N Ryerson do	3
H. G V Winkle	3
F. V. Blarcom	5
A Parsons	10
J Warren	5
F Cook	5
J Morrow	10
T. Parker	5
I S Forshee	2
J Jackson	5
H H Post	5
G Fawcett	5
Wm Ellison	5
D I Alyea	5
G S Miller	5
Cash on Corner Stone	31 70
J W Berry	10
S J Terhune	3
Cash	50
Benj. C Talor*	5
C V Blarcom	1
Mary Henneon	1
H V. Post	1
N Ackerman	3
I. Smith	3
J duglis	3
Cash from Bergin	60
Old Stove & pipe	28 1
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	253 21

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\*Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Acquackanonk.

## DEED FOR PART OF THE OLD BURYING GROUND.

The state of New Jersey To The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson	}	This Indenture made this sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty six, Between The state of New Jersey of the first part and The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson, in the County of Essex and state of New Jersey, of the second part: Whereas by an act of the Legislature of the state of New Jersey, en- titled "an act for the sale of part of the land at Paterson belonging to the state" passed at Trenton, the twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, it was enacted in manner following that is to say "Be it enacted by the Council & General Assembly of this state and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the attorney General of this state be & is hereby authorized to sell and convey in behalf of this state, not exceeding three acres of the land belonging to the state of* Paterson to the Trustees of the first Presbyterian society of Paterson for the uses and purposes of a burying ground & that the attorney General fix the price of said land" as by reference to said act will fully appear. And whereas the said attorney General hath agreed to sell & convey & the said Trustees party of the second part, have agreed to purchase the premises hereinafter mentioned, at the price and consideration of one hundred and fifty dollars, the price fixed by the said attorney Gen- eral for the said premises. Now therefore this Indenture Witnesseth, That the state of New Jersey for and in consideration of the said sum of one hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United states, paid or se- cured to be paid by the said party of the second part at and before the en- sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby ac- knowledged, Hath given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened enfeofed, con- veyed & confirmed, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain sell alien enfeof convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part their successors and assigns forever, all that certain lot or parcel of land and premises, situated lying and being in the Township of Acquackanonk in the County of Essex and state of New Jersey and near the town of Pater- son, being a part of the lands owned by the state of New Jersey & adjoining the present cemetery or burying ground of the said grantees:
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Beginning at the east corner of the said present burying ground on the highway leading from the Passaic river to the town of Paterson, thence running along the said highway south sixty six degrees east, three chains

\*An error for "at." See the Act in Pamphlet Laws, 1824, p. 112.

and fifty five links, to a corner on the same highway: thence south twenty-four degrees west twelve chains & sixty links along the lands of the said state, to a corner of the same & of lands now or late of Abraham Van Blarcom: thence north along the said lands of Van Blarcom, three degrees west, eight chains and fifty links to the south corner of the said old burying ground, thence north along the same twenty four degrees west, four chains and seventy three links to the place of Beginning. Containing Three acres,

Together with all and singular the profits, privileges, hereditaments & appurtenances to the same belonging or appertaining and which said lot is described in a map of the same, hereto annexed as "*surveyed August 23d 1825 for the Revd S. Fisher by U. W. Freeman.*" Also all the estate, right, title, interest property claim and demand of the state of New Jersey of in and to the said lot of land & premises and of in and to every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said above described lot of land and premises unto the said party of the second part, their successors and assigns for the uses and purposes of a burying ground & for no other use & purpose whatsoever.

In Witness whereof Theodore Frelinghuysen Attorney General of the said state of New Jersey by virtue of the power and authority of the said act of the legislature hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of } Theo. Frelinghuysen [L S]

John P. Jackson. J. B. Pitt } Atty Genl

New Jersey Essex County, ss:

Personally appeared before me, David D. Crane one of the Judges of the inferior court of common pleas in & for said county of Essex Theodore Frelinghuysen who, I am satisfied is the grantor within named & to whom I first made known the contents of the within deed & who acknowledged that he signed, sealed & delivered the same as his voluntary act & deed for the uses & purposes therein expressed.

Acknowledged this 28th April A. D. 1828 before me

D. D. Crane

New Jersey, Essex County, ss:

I, Julius Stapff, Register of said County, do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Record of a certain Deed given by The state of New Jersey to The Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson, & also of the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed, as the same may be found recorded in my office in Book U. 2. of Deeds, on pages 372, 373 & 374.

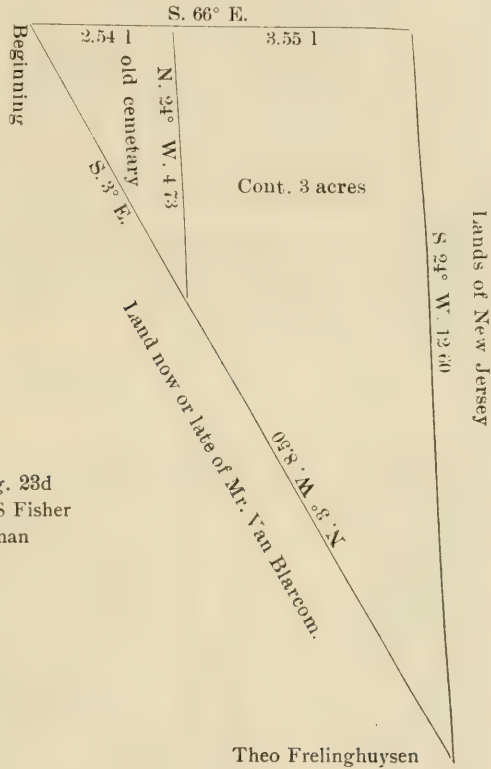
[SEAL.]

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my official seal this 24 day of April 1874.

Julius Stapff Reg

## DIAGRAM OF THE OLD BURYING GROUND.

The following is a copy of the diagram annexed to the foregoing deed:



Surveyed, Aug. 23d  
1825 for Revd S Fisher  
by U. W. Freeman

Received in the office April 28th A. D. 1826

Asa Whitehead Clk



## XII.

## SUBSCRIPTION FOR FENCING THE CHURCH GROUNDS.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church. It was resolved "That an effort be made to have the grounds attached to the Church enclosed with a fence. for which purpose the sum of \$600 will be required as by the Estimates obtained

Mr Cundell and Mr Personett were appointed a Committee to collect subscriptions for the purpose of carrying into effect this desirable and necessary improvement.

We therefore the undersigned being deeply interested in the speedy accomplishment of the work do hereby promise to pay Wm L Clark Treasurer the amounts attached to our respective signatures so soon as the sum of \$500 shall have been subscribed

Paterson 18 January 1839

John S Personett	pd	\$20 00	R L Colt	pd	\$200
Wm L Clark	pd	20	Jno Colt	pd	100
Samuel G. Wheeler		20	one hundred		
William Dickey	pd	20	Thomas Rogers	pd	5
David Strong		20	C S Van Waggoner	pd	5
David Burnett	pd	20	Edo Van Winkle	pd	5
Wm Cundell	pd	20	Charles Warner	pd	10
Robt Morrell	pd	20	Joseph Gledhill	pd	5
A. S. Pennington	pd	20	John Hopper paid	pd	5
Mary T Bainbridge	pd	25	Cornellus P Hopper	pd	10
Mrs P. Colt	pd	25	Israel Munson	pd	5
H. Clark	pd	10	James Lockwood	pd	5
Mrs H. V. Butler	pd	10	Robert Carrick	pd	10
Chas. Danforth	pd	10	George Ryerson	pd	3
John O. Colt	pd	20	John Garrison	pd	6
Henry White	pd	5	James Close	pd	10
Isaac Vanderbeek	pd	5	John Gould	pd	2
Miss Colt	pd	5	James Row		5
C. G. Garrison	pd	5			
B W Vandervoort	pd	5			391
Edwd E Collins	pd	5			320
Hugh Beggs	pd	10			
		320			711
			Deduct bad debts		40
					671

## SALE OF THE CHURCH SITE BY THE SHERIFF, IN 1843.

This Indenture made this eighth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three Between Isaac I. Van Derbeck Sheriff of the County of Passaic, in the State of New Jersey of the First Part and the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures of the Township of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth, That a certain writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey aforesaid and to me, Sheriff as aforesaid directed and delivered in the words following to wit "New Jersey ss. The State of New Jersey to the Sheriff of the County of Passaic Greeting [L. S.] We Command you that of the Goods and Chattels of The President and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, in your county, You cause to be made a certain Debt of Three Hundred Dollars which the State of New Jersey lately in our Supreme Court at Trenton, before the Justices of our same Court recovered against them and also thirty dollars and forty five cents, which in our said Court, before our Justices aforesaid were adjudged to the said The State of New Jersey for the damages which they had sustained, as well by occasion of the detention of that debt as for their costs and charges by them about their suit in that behalf expended, whereof the said The President and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson is convicted as appears of record, and if sufficient Goods and Chattels of the said The President and Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson, cannot be found in your County, whereof the debt and damages aforesaid may be made, then we further command you that you cause the whole or the residue as the case may require, of the said debt and damages to be made of the lands tenements hereditaments and real estate, whereof the said The President and Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society of Paterson were seised on the seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and forty one, or at any time afterwards in whosoever hands the same may be, and that you have those monies before the Justices aforesaid, at Trenton aforesaid, on the second tuesday in November next, to render unto the said, The State of New Jersey for their debt and damages aforesaid, and have you then and there this writ. Witness Joseph C. Hornblower Esqr Justice at Trenton aforesaid, the first tuesday in September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. A. S. Pennington Atty      Rossell Clerk And whereas a certain other writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Passaic Circuit Court in and for the said County of Passaic and State of New Jersey and to me Sheriff as aforesaid directed and delivered in the words following to wit. Passaic County ss. The State of New Jersey to the Sheriff

of the County of Passaic Greeting We Command you That of the Goods and Chattels of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society in Paterson, in your bailiwick you cause to be made the sum of Four Thousand five hundred and twenty five dollars & sixteen cents which "The Society for establishing Useful Manufactures lately before the Judges of our Circuit Court at Paterson in and for the said County of Passaic recovered against the said "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson of Debt and the sum of Twenty Seven Dollars and fifty five cents for their costs and charges by them about their suit in that behalf expended, whereof the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson are convicted as appears to us of record. And if sufficient Goods and Chattels of the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, in your bailiwick you cannot find whereof to make the debt and costs, then and in that case we command you that you cause the whole or the residue as the case may require of the debt and costs aforesaid to be made of the lands tenements hereditaments and real estate of the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson in your Bailiwick whereof they were seised on the twenty eighth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one or at any time afterwards in whosoever hands the same may be and have you these moneys before our Judges aforesaid at Paterson aforesaid on the second tuesday of February next to render unto the said The Society for establishing Useful Manufactures for their damages aforesaid and have you then and there this writ.

Witness Joseph C. Hornblower Esquire Judge of our said Court at Paterson aforesaid the fourth tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

A. S. Pennington Atty

Geo. A. Ryerson Clerk

And whereas a certain other writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Passaic Circuit Court in and for the said County of Passaic and State of New Jersey and to me Sheriff as aforesaid directed and delivered in the words following to wit. Passaic County ss. The State of New Jersey to the Sheriff of the County of Passaic Greeting We Command you that of the Goods and Chattels of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson in your Bailiwick you cause to be made the sum of four hundred and twenty six dollars and thirty eight cents, which John Colt Executor &c of Peter Colt deceased lately before the Judges of our Circuit Court at Paterson in and for the said County of Passaic recovered against the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, of debt and also the sum of Twenty seven Dollars and fifty five cents for his costs and charges by him about his suit in that behalf expended, whereof the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian

Society in Paterson are convicted as appears to us of record. And if sufficient Goods and Chattels of the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson in your Bailiwick you cannot find whereof to make Debt & Costs aforesaid, then and in that case we command you that you cause the whole or the residue as the case may require of the Debt and Costs aforesaid to be made of the Lands tenements hereditaments and real estate of the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson in your Bailiwick whereof they were seised on the Twenty eighth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one or at any time afterwards, in whosoever hands the same may be, And have you these moneys before our Judges aforesaid at Paterson aforesaid on the second tuesday of February next, to render unto the said John Colt Executor as aforesaid, for his Debt & Costs aforesaid, and have you then and there this writ. Witness Joseph C. Hornblower Esquire Judge of said Court at Paterson aforesaid the fourth Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

A. S. Pennington Attorney

Geo. A. Ryerson Clerk

And whereas a certain other writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Passaic Circuit Court, in and for the said County of Passaic and State of New Jersey and to me sheriff as aforesaid directed and delivered in the words following to wit, "Passaic County ss. The State of New Jersey to the Sheriff of the County of Passaic Greeting We Command you that of the Goods and Chattels of The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson in your Bailiwick, you cause to be made Four Hundred and seventy one Dollars and twenty six cents, which James Wheeler lately before the Judges of our Circuit Court at Paterson in and for the said County of Passaic recovered against the said The Trustees of The first Presbyterian Society of Paterson as well for his Damages which he has sustained on occasion of the non performances of certain promises and undertakings by the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson to the said James Wheeler then lately made as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in that behalf expended, whereof the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson are convicted as appears to us of record. And if sufficient Goods and Chattels of the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson in your Bailiwick you cannot find whereof to make the damages and Costs aforesaid then and in that case we command you that you cause the whole or the residue as the case may require of the Damages and Costs aforesaid, to be made of the lands tenements hereditaments and real estate of the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson in your Bailiwick whereof they were siesed on the eighth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two or at any time

afterwards in whosoever hands the same may be. And have you these moneys before our Judges aforesaid at Paterson aforesaid on the fourth tuesday of April next to render unto the said James Wheeler for his damages and Costs aforesaid And have you then and there this writ. Witness Ira C. Whitehead Esquire Judge of our said Court at Paterson aforesaid the second tuesday of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

James Speer Attorney

Ryerson Clerk

And whereas a certain other writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Passaic Circuit Court in and for the said County of Passaic and State of New Jersey and to me Sheriff as aforesaid directed and delivered in the following words to wit, Passaic County ss. The State of New Jersey to the Sheriff of the County of Passaic Greeting. We command you, That of the Goods and Chattels of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson in your Bailiwick you cause to be made a certain debt of one hundred dollars which Catharine Van Houten administratrix &c of Abraham Van Houten decd lately before the Judges of our Circuit Court at Paterson in and for the said County of Passaic recovered against the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, and also Forty one Dollars & eighty one cents which were adjudged in our said Court before the Judges aforesaid to the said Catharine administratrix as aforesaid for her damages which she had sustained as well by occasion of the detention of that Debt as for her costs and charges by her about her suit in that behalf expended, whereof the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson are convicted as appears to us of record. And if sufficient Goods and Chattels of the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson in your Bailiwick you cannot find whereof to make the Debt & Costs aforesaid then and in that case we command you, that you cause the whole or the residue as the case may require of the Debt damages & costs aforesaid to be made of the lands tenements hereditaments and real estate of the said The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, in your Bailiwick whereof they were seised on the second day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two, or at any time afterwards in whosoever hands the same may be. And have you these moneys before our Judges aforesaid at Paterson aforesaid on the fourth tuesday of April next, to render unto the said Catharine administratrix aforesaid for her Debt Damages & Costs aforesaid and have you then and there this writ. Witness Ira C. Whitehead Esquire Judge of our said Court at Paterson aforesaid the second tuesday of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

John Hopper, Attorney

John Keenan, Clerk.

Wherefore Know Ye that by virtue of the aforesaid writs of Fieri Facias



I, Isaac I. Van Derbeck Sheriff as aforesaid did take and siese all those pieces or parcels of Land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, Beginning on the Paterson and Hamburgh Turnpike, at the south east corner of House Lot No 25 running thence westerly 129 feet to Cross street, thence southerly along the east side of said street 220 feet to Oliver street, 81 feet to the turnpike, thence northerly along the west side of the Turnpike 161 feet 7 inches to the place of Beginning. Also one other lot, beginning at the east corner of the said present Burying Grounds, on the Highway leading from the Passaic River to the Town of Paterson thence running along the said Highway 66 degrees east 3 chains and 55 links to a corner on the same Highway, thence south 24 degrees west 12 chains and 60 links along the lands of the said State to a corner of the same and of lands now or late of Abraham Van Blarcom, thence northerly along the said lands of Van Blarcom 3 degrees west 8 chains and fifty links to the south corner of the said old burying ground thence along the same 24 degrees west 4 chains and 73 links to the place of beginning, containing Three acres. Wherefore Know Ye, that I, Isaac I. Van Derbeck Sheriff as aforesaid in execution of the power and trust in me reposed by virtue of the aforesaid Writs of Fieri Facias, did take and siese the above described lots or parcels of Land and premises with the hereditaments and did advertise the same to be sold at Congress Hall in the Town of Paterson on the fourteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three at two O Clock in the afternoon, at which time and place, the said sale was adjourned until the twenty second day of July inst at the same time place and hour on that day the said sale further adjourned until the twenty ninth day of July inst at the same place and hour, and at the last mentioned time and place the said Pieces or parcels of Land and Premises were by me, Sheriff as aforesaid, accordingly exposed to sale at public vendue and outcry, and thereupon the Society for establishing useful manufactures party hereto of the second part, did then and there bid for the same the sum of Two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, and no person bidding more, the said described land and premises were by me, in due manner, openly cried off and sold to the said party of the second part, he being the highest bidder for the same.

Now therefore this Indenture further Witnesseth, That I Isaac I Vanderbeek Sheriff as aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of Two thousand six hundred and fifty Dollars, lawful money of the United States to me in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have and by these presents Do grant bargain sell assign convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all and singular the said described premises, to-

gether with all the rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances, and the reversions and remainders, rents issues and profits thereof, and all the estate right title interest property claims and demand of the said defendant of in and to the same, to have and to hold all and singular the said described premises, with the appurtenances, as fully as the same were held and possessed by the said defendant, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. Subject nevertheless to all prior legal encumbrances arrearages conditions and limitations. And I Isaac I Van Derbeek Sheriff as aforesaid for myself my heirs executors and administrators do hereby promise and grant to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that I have not done or suffered to be done any act or thing whereby or by reason whereof, the said land and premises or any part thereof is or may be changed charged or encumbered in estate title or otherwise. In Witness Whereof I Isaac I Van Derbeek Sheriff as aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence } Isaac I Van Derbeek  
of Nicholas Smith } Sheriff [L. S.]

State of New Jersey }  
Passaic County } to wit Be it Remembered That on this eighth day of August A. D. 1843 before me Nicholas Smith one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Passaic personally appeared Isaac I Van Derbeek Sheriff in and for the said County, who is I am satisfied the Grantor mentioned in the within Deed, the contents of which I made known unto him whereupon he did acknowledge that he signed sealed and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed.

Nicholas Smith Judge

Received in the office & Recorded January 8th A. D. 1845.\*

Keenan Clk.

### XIII.

#### DEED FROM THE S. U. M. FOR THE CHURCH SITE, 1844.

This Indenture made this twenty-first day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four Between "The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures" of the first part, and "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson" in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey of the second part, WITNESSETH that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Six thousand and sixty-eight Dollars and seven cents good and lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid at and before the ensembling

\*In Book H of Deeds, for Passaic county, p. 382.



and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised released and forever quit-claimed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien remise release and forever quit-claim unto the said parties of the second part and to their successors forever all that Tract or Lot of Land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey Beginning at a point where the Paterson and Hamburg Turnpike intersects the north line of Oliver street, thence running westerly along the north side of said Oliver street seventy six feet six inches to the corner of Oliver and Cross Street; thence northerly along the east side of Cross street two hundred and two feet six inches to Ward Street; thence easterly along the south side of Ward street one hundred and thirty two feet more or less to the Turnpike; thence southerly along the west side of the said Turnpike two hundred and twelve feet more or less to the place of beginning; being the lot now fenced in as the Church Lot, and Bounded south by Oliver street; west by Cross Street; Northerly by Ward Street and east by the said Turnpike. To Have and To Hold the said Lot of Land and premises unto the said parties of the second part and their successors forever; but nevertheless upon the Trusts and for the several intents and purposes herein-after mentioned and declared of and concerning the same, that is to say, that this Deed of Indenture is made upon the express condition that the premises hereby granted shall not be liable for the present debt of the parties of the second part or their successors or for any Debt which they may hereafter contract or be subject to. And further that the said premises hereby granted shall be used at all time or times hereafter as a Church, and not as a place of residence, or for carrying on any trade, business or occupation; but any spare ground being part of the said premises and not wanted for the said Church may be used for the erection of any other public edifice or building connected with the said Church. Provided always nevertheless that if at any time or times hereafter the said parties of the second part or their successors shall pass from under the supervision and control of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, now commonly known and distinguished as the Old School General Assembly and its successors; or if at any time or times hereafter, the leading doctrines declared in the confession of faith and catechisms of the Presbyterian Church as these doctrines are now understood and explained by the aforesaid Old School General Assembly, shall cease to be taught and inculcated in the said Church, then and in either such case the grant & conveyance hereby made shall cease and become null and void. And the said parties of the second part and their successors shall thereupon convey the same to the Inhabitants of the Township of Paterson in the County of Passaic aforesaid, for the

purpose of establishing one or more Free Schools in said Town for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof, in which school or schools the Holy Bible shall be used as a Class Book, and daily read by such of the scholars as are capable of reading. And this conveyance is made upon the further trust, that all the holders of Pews in said Church who have bought and paid for the said Pews and who shall pay up all arrears of assessments which may be now due to the said Church or the Trustees thereof, upon the said Pews or which may hereafter grow due upon the same, shall be entitled to receive, and the said parties of the second part are hereby directed to convey the said Pews to the owners thereof respectively subject to all the Terms, conditions and restrictions which are contained in this deed, and this conveyance is made upon the further Trust, that on all questions where a vote by the members of the said Church shall be taken whether for the selecting and calling a Pastor or for any other purpose connected with the management of said Church one vote shall be given for each pew by the person or persons renting the same and no more, and the votes are to be restricted to one vote for each pew, proxies for absent voters to be allowed, but no person shall be allowed to vote whose pew rent has been three months unpaid:

In witness whereof the parties of the First part have hereunto caused their common seal to be affixed the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Joseph Smith	}	By order Roswell L. Colt (L. S) Governor S. U. M.
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The words "shall be entitled to receive"  
on the 3d page and 17th line having been  
interlined before execution.

Joseph Smith.

#### NEW JERSEY—ss.

Personally appeared before me Aaron S. Pennington, one of the Masters in Chancery of New Jersey, Joseph Smith, who having been by me duly sworn according to Law, did depose and say that he heard Roswell L. Colt, Governor of the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures, acknowledge that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing deed as the voluntary act & deed of the said Society for the uses and purposes therein mentioned & expressed, & further that he signed his name at the same time to the said deed as an at-

testing witness, & further that he knows the seal thereto affixed to be the common seal of the said Society.

Taken and Proved before me }  
the thirty-first day of De- }  
cember, A. D. 1844,

Aaron S. Pennington,

Master in Chancery.

Received in the office and recorded March 31, 1845.\*

Keenan,

Clerk

#### XIV.

##### DEED FOR THE PARSONAGE PROPERTY, 1852.

This Indenture, made the First day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty-two Between "The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures" in the State of New Jersey of the One Part, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, now of the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey of the second part; Witnesseth, That the said Society for and in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand well and truly paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said Society therewith fully satisfied, contented and paid, Have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents Do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm to the said parties of the second part, and to their successors and assigns forever, All that certain piece of Land, situate in the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey—more particularly described and bounded as follows, to wit:

Beginning on the south side of Market street at a point in the northeast corner of a lot conveyed to Robert B. Ruggles by the Heirs of Peter Colt, deceased, the fifteenth day of November, A. D. Eighteen Hundred and fifty-two, running thence (1) easterly along the line of Market street sixty-two feet six inches to the west boundary line of a lot now owned by Roswell L. Colt; thence (2) southerly along said line at right angles to Market street one Hundred and eighty-seven feet; thence (3) westerly parallel with Market street until it strikes the east side of Union street; thence (4) northerly along Union street about four feet until it strikes the southeast corner of said Ruggles Lot; thence (5) northerly along the East line of said

\*In Book H of Deeds for Passaic county, p. 524.

lot about one Hundred and Eighty-three feet to the place of beginning; Being the same property now occupied by the Rev. Wm. H. Hornblower. To be used by the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson as a parsonage, and for no other purpose whatsoever—and in case of sale the monies arising from such sale to be applied to the purchase or erection of another Parsonage, for said Society—and for no other purpose whatsoever—and in case of use or sale for any other purpose than the same, to revert to Roswell L. Colt his heirs and assigns.

Together with all and singular the profits, privileges, and advantages, with the appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining. Also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity of them, the said Society, of, in and to the same, and of every part and parcel thereof, To Have and to Hold, all and singular the above described Lot and premises, with the appurtenances, unto the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns forever. And the said Society do for themselves, their successors and assigns covenant and grant to and with the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, that they, the said Society, are now the true, lawful and right owners of all and singular the above described Lot and premises, with the appurtenances unto the same belonging; and that the said Lot and Premises, or any part thereof, at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents, are not encumbered by any mortgage, judgment, or limitation, or by any incumbrance whatsoever, by which the title of the said parties of the second part, hereby made or intended to be made, for the above described Lot, can or may be changed, charged, altered or defeated in any way whatsoever:

And Also that the said Society now have good right, full power and lawful authority, to grant, bargain, sell and convey the said Lot and Premises in manner aforesaid; And Also, that they will Warrant, secure and forever Defend the said Lot unto the said parties of the second part, against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person or persons clearly and freely discharged and freed of and from all manner of encumbrances whatsoever.

In Testimony Whereof, the Governor of said Society hath hereunto put his hand and affixed the seal of said Society the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered }  
in Presence of }

note "heirs" erased and  
"successors" interlined four  
times before execution

By order

Roswell L. Colt (L. S.)

Governor S. U. M.

Thos. O. Smith

State of New Jersey, Passaic County ss. Be it Remembered, That on this Twenty-sixth day of May A. D. 1856 before me Wm. Gledhill a Master in Chancery of said State personally appeared Thomas O. Smith who being by me duly sworn according to law, on his oath saith that he knows Roswell L. Colt within named to be the Governor of the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures, that the seal within affixed is the common seal of the said Society, that he heard the said Roswell L. Colt acknowledge that he signed, sealed and delivered the within instrument as the voluntary act and deed of the said Society, and that he the said Thomas O. Smith signed his name thereto at the same time as an attesting witness.

Proved this 26th day of May                    }  
A. D. 1856 before me                                }  
                                                          Wm. Gledhill                    }

Rec'd in the office and Recorded Dec. 22d 1856.\*

Canfield Clk

## XV.

### DEED FROM THE S. U. M. FOR THE NEW CEMETERY, 1854.

This Indenture, made this Eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four Between "The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures," in the State of New Jersey, of the One Part; and "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson," County of Passaic & State of New Jersey of the Second Part; Witnesseth, That the said Society, for and in consideration of the sum of Six thousand five hundred and sixteen 56 | 100 Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand well and truly paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said Society therewith fully satisfied, contented, and paid, Have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents Do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm to the said parties of the second part and to their successors and assigns forever, all that certain piece of land situate in the City of Paterson, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, more particularly described and bounded as follows, to wit, Beginning at the point where the westerly line of the Methodist Cemetery if continued southwesterly in a straight line would intersect the northeasterly line of Market Street running thence (1) north ten degrees East one hundred and ninety six feet six inches to the southwesterly corner of the Methodist Cemetery (2) Easterly along the southerly line of said

\*In Book A 2 of Passaic County Deeds, p. 297. It will be noticed that the deed is dated December 1, 1852; but it was not proved until May 26, 1856, and was not recorded until December 22, 1856.



Cemetery south eighty degrees and forty minutes east three hundred and twenty five feet to the westerly line of the First Reformed Dutch Cemetery (3) along the same southerly at right angles from the last line seven feet six inches to the southwesterly corner of the last mentioned cemetery (4) South eighty degrees and forty minutes east along the southerly line of the last mentioned cemetery two hundred and fifty one feet three inches to the southeast corner thereof (5) south nine degrees and twenty minutes west three hundred and sixty nine feet to the northeasterly line of Market Street, (6) northwesterly along Market Street, Six hundred and five feet nine inches to the beginning, containing three acres and seventy four hundredth's of an acre, or about one hundred and sixty two thousand nine hundred and fourteen square feet—For the purposes of a Cemetery.

Together with all and singular the profits, privileges and advantages, with the appurtenances unto the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining. Also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, as well at law as in equity, of them the said Society, of, in, and to the same, and of every part and parcel thereof.

To have and to Hold, all and singular the above described land and premises, with the appurtenances unto the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof to the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns for ever. And the said Society do, for themselves, their successors and assigns, covenant and grant, to and with the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, that they, the said Society, now are the true, lawful and right owners of all and singular the above described land and premises, with the appurtenances unto the same belonging; and that the said Lot and Premises, or any part thereof, at the time of sealing and delivery of these presents, are not encumbered by any mortgage, judgment, or limitation, or by any incumbrance whatsoever, by which the title of the said parties of the second part hereby made, or intended to be made, for the above described land can or may be changed, charged, altered or defeated, in any way whatever; and also, that the said Society now have good right, full power, and lawful authority, to grant, bargain, sell, and convey the above described Lot and premises in manner aforesaid; and also, that they will warrant, secure and for ever defend the said Lot of land unto the said parties of the second part, against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person or persons, clearly and freely discharged and freed, of, and from all manner of incumbrances whatever.

In Testimony Whereof, the Governor of said Society hath hereunto put his hand, and affixed the seal of said Society, the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered }  
in presence of }

NOTE—Heirs erased four times }  
and successors interlined. }

T O Colt

By order

Roswell L. Colt [L. S.]

Governor S U M

State of New Jersey, }  
Passaic County, ss. }

Be it remembered, That on this Eleventh day of May A. D. 1854 before me, Thomas O Smith a Commissioner for taking the acknowledgement and proof of deeds in said State personally appeared Thomas O Colt who being by me duly sworn according to law, on his oath saith that he knows Roswell L Colt within named, to be the Governor of the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures; that the seal within affixed is the Common Seal of said Society; that he heard the said Roswell L Colt acknowledge that he signed, sealed and delivered the within instrument as the voluntary act and deed of the said Society, and that he, the said Thomas O Colt signed his name thereto at the same time as an attesting witness.

Proved this 11 day of May }  
A. D. 1854 before me, }

Thos. O Smith }  
Commissioner }

Rec'd in the Clerks office of Passaic County, on the 13th day of May  
A. D. 1854, and recorded in Book V of Deeds, pages 89 &c.

Canfield Clk.

## XVI.

### DEED OF RELEASE FOR PARSONAGE PROPERTY, 1889.

This Indenture made the First day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Nine, Between Morgan G. Colt of the City County and State of New York and de Grasse B. Fowler and Julia C. Fowler his wife of the City of Baltimore in the County of ——— and State of Maryland, of the first part; and The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, of the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey of the second part: Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable considerations them thereunto moving, lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand well and truly paid by the said party of the second part at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said party of the first part being therewith fully satisfied contented and paid have given, granted, bar-



gained, sold, aliened, released, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do give grant bargain sell alien release enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns forever, all that certain tract or parcel of land and premises hereinafter particularly described situate lying and being in the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, Beginning in the South line of Market Street at a point in the Northeast corner of a lot conveyed to Robert B. Ruggles by the heirs of Peter Colt deceased the Fifteenth day of November A. D Eighteen hundred and Fifty Two, running thence (1) Easterly along the line of Market Street sixty two feet six inches to the West boundary line of a lot now owned by Roswell L. Colt: thence (2) southerly along said line at right angles to Market Street one hundred and eighty seven feet: thence (3) Westerly parallel with Market Street until it Strikes the East side of Union Street: thence (4) Northerly along Union Street about four feet until it Strikes the Southeast corner of said Ruggles lot: thence (5) Northerly along the east line of said lot about one hundred and eighty three feet to the place of Beginning.

Being the same property now or formerly occupied by the Rev Wm H. Hornblower, and being the same premises described in and conveyed by The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures to the parties of the second part hereto by Deed dated the First day of December in the year Eighteen hundred and Fifty Two and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Passaic County, in Book A 2 of Deeds for said County on page 297 &c.

The object of this conveyance being to release the party of the second part hereto from any and every condition, trust, obligation, restriction or limitation, contained in or implied by a certain clause in the aforesaid Deed following next after the description of the premises by said deed conveyed and which clause is in the words following to wit, "To be used by the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson as a Parsonage and for no other purpose whatsoever, and in case of sale, the monies arising from such sale to be applied to the purchase or erection of another Parsonage for said Society, and for no other purpose whatsoever, and in case of use or sale for any other purpose than the same to revert to Roswell L. Colt, his heirs and assigns." Together with all and singular the houses, buildings, trees, ways, waters, profits privileges and advantages with the appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining: Also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said party of the first part of in and to the same, and of in and to every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold, all and singular the above described land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part its successors and assigns, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part its successors and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of	}	Morgan G. Colt [L. S.]
"heirs" Stricken out twice and "successors" interlined		Julia C. Fowler [L. S.]
covenant stricken out before execution		De Grasse B. Fowler [L. S.]
John R. Beam		
State of New Jersey )		
County of Passaic ) ss.		

Be it Remembered that on this Second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and eighty nine before me John R. Beam, A Master in Chancery of New Jersey, personally appeared Morgan G. Colt, DeGrasse B. Fowler and Julia C. his wife, who I am satisfied are the grantors in the within Deed of Conveyance named: and I having first made known to them the contents thereof they did each acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed; and the said Julia C. Fowler being by me privately examined separate and apart from her husband did further acknowledge that she signed sealed and delivered the same as her voluntary act and deed freely without any fear threats or compulsion of her said husband.

John R. Beam

Master in Chancery of N. J.

Received and Recorded March 13th 1889.\*

Wm. M. Smith Clk.

## XVII.

### DEED RELATING TO THE CEMETERIES, 1889.

This Indenture made the First day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty nine Between Morgan G. Colt of the City, County and State of New York, and Julia C. Fowler, and De Grasse B. Fowler her husband of the City of Baltimore in the County of ——— and State of Maryland of the first part: And The Trustees of The First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, of the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey of the Second part: Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable considerations them thereunto moving lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand well and truly paid by the said party of the second part at or before the sealing and de-

\*In Book K 9 of Deeds for Passaic County, pages 582 &c.

livery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said party of the first part being therewith fully satisfied contented and paid have remised, released quit-claimed and confirmed and by these presents do remise, release quit claim and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns forever, all those lots tracts or parcels of land and premises hereinafter particularly described situate lying and being in the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey.

The First Tract: Beginning at the point where the westerly line of the Methodist Cemetery if continued southwesterly in a straight line would intersect the northeasterly line of Market Street, running thence north ten degrees East one hundred and ninety six feet six inches to the southwesterly corner of the Methodist Cemetery (2) Easterly along the Southerly line of said Cemetery south eighty degrees and forty minutes East, three hundred and twenty five feet to the westerly line of the First Reformed Dutch Cemetery; (3) along the same southerly at right angles from the last line seven feet six inches to the southwesterly corner of the last mentioned Cemetery; (4) South eighty degrees and forty minutes East along the southerly line of the last mentioned Cemetery two hundred and fifty one feet three inches to the southeast corner thereof; (5) South nine degrees and twenty minutes west three hundred and sixty nine feet to the northeasterly line of Market street; (6) northwesterly along Market Street Six hundred and five feet nine inches to the Beginning: Containing three acres and seventy four hundredths of an acre or about one hundred and sixty two thousand nine hundred and fourteen square feet.

Being the same premises as described and conveyed in and by a certain deed from The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures to the party hereto of the second part dated May Eleventh 1854, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Passaic County Book V of Deeds, page 89.

The purpose of this Deed is to vest the title to the said land in the party of the second part absolutely and free and released from all conditions, trusts or obligations that might remain vested in the party of the first part by reason of language contained in the said Deed to the effect that the property should be used for the purposes of a Cemetery.

Second Tract: Beginning on the South side of Market Street at the northeast corner of Abraham Van Blarcom's lands, running thence along Market Street South sixty seven degrees East one hundred and fifty feet: thence at right angles, South twenty three degrees West two hundred and eighty six feet to Abraham Van Blarcom's lands: thence north five degrees East three hundred and twenty four feet to the place of beginning;

Being the same lot that was conveyed by the said Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures to the party hereto of the Second part, by Deed dated July Eleventh, 1814:

The purpose of this Deed is to vest the title to the said lands in the party of the second part absolutely and free and released from all conditions trusts or obligations that might remain vested in the party of the first part by reason of language contained in said deed to the effect that the said property was to be used as a burial ground and not to be occupied for any other purpose whatever.

The Third Tract: Beginning at the East corner of the said present Burying ground on the highway leading from the Passaic River to the Town of Paterson: thence running along the said highway south sixty six degrees East three chains and fifty five links to a corner on the same highway: thence south twenty four degrees West twelve chains and sixty links along the lands of the said State to a corner of the same and of lands now or late of Abraham Van Blarcom: thence north along the said lands of Van Blarcom three degrees west eight chains and fifty links to the south corner of the said old Burying ground: thence north along the same twenty four degrees west four chains and seventy three links to the place of beginning: Containing three acres.

Being the same premises that were so described in a Deed of Conveyance by Isaac J. Vanderbeck Sheriff to the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures, which deed was dated August eighth Eighteen hundred and forty three and recorded in the said Clerks Office in Book H of Deeds page 382 etc.

It was intended by the said The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures to convey the said tract to the party hereto of the second part but by reason of some inadvertence or mistake or by reason of subsequent loss of the deed, no conveyance can now be found, and the object of this deed is to vest the said land in the said party hereto of the second part absolutely and free from any trust condition or obligation, relative to its use as a Burying ground.

The above described several tracts were conveyed by The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures to the party hereto of the first part by Deed dated December 15th 1886. Excepting however, any burial plots of or for the use of the family and descendants of the late Peter Colt, or any of them in any of the foregoing premises. Together with all and singular the houses, buildings, trees, ways, waters, profits, privileges and advantages with the appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining: also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said party of the first part of in and to the same and of in and to every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold all and singular

the above described land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part its successors and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part its successors and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof the said party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of	}	Morgan G. Colt, [L. S.]
on 1st page the words "given, granted, bargained sold, aliened" "give, grant, bargain, sell, alien," "heirs" stricken out "successors" interlined on 3rd page "heirs" stricken out and "successors" interlined twice before execution, on 1st page "enfeoffed, conveyed" & "enfcoff, convey" stricken out, and "remised," "quit claimed" "remise" "quit claim" interlined before execution		DeGrasse B. Fowler [L. S.]
		Julia C. Fowler [L. S.]

John R. Beam.

State of New Jersey }  
County of Passaic } ss

Be it Remembered that on this Twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty nine before me John R. Beam Master in Chancery of New Jersey, personally appeared Morgan G. Colt, DeGrasse B. Fowler, and Julia C. Fowler his wife, who I am satisfied are the grantors in the within Deed of Conveyance named; and I having first made known to them the contents thereof they did each acknowledge that they signed sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed: and the said Julia C. Fowler being by me privately examined separate and apart from her husband did further acknowledge that she signed sealed and delivered the same as her voluntary act and deed, freely without any fear, threats or compulsion of her said husband.

John R. Beam

Master in Chancery of N. J.

Received and Recorded March 13th 1889\*

Wm M. Smith Clk

\*In Book K 9 of Deeds for Passaic County, pages 585 &c.

## XVIII.

## CONVEYANCE OF PART OF THE NEW CEMETERY, 1889.

This Indenture made the First day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty nine, Between The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, of the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey of the first part; and The Society's Land Company a corporation of the State of New Jersey of the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey of the second part: Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of divers good and valuable considerations it thereunto moving and for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar lawful money of the United States of America to it in hand well and truly paid by the said party of the second part at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said party of the first part being therewith fully satisfied contented and paid hath given, granted bargained sold, aliened, released, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns forever All those certain tracts or parcels of land and premises, hereinafter particularly described situate, lying and being in the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey.

First Tract: Beginning on the North side of Market Street and in the southeasterly corner of a certain tract of land and premises conveyed to the party of the first part hereto by the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures, by Deed dated the Eleventh day of May in the year Eighteen hundred and Fifty Four, and recorded in the Clerks Office of the County of Passaic in Book V. of Deeds for said County on pages 89 &c and which tract is commonly called the "New Presbyterian Cemetery" and running thence (1) Westerly along the north side of Market Street to the westerly line of Graham Avenue (formerly Pierson Street) as laid out on Map X of lands of The Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures being a distance of nineteen feet; thence (2) northerly along said Westerly line of Graham avenue as laid out aforesaid one hundred and fifteen feet and thirty seven one hundredths of a foot, more or less to the point where the Easterly line of the aforesaid lands of the party hereto of the first part intersects the said westerly line of said Graham avenue: thence (3) Southerly along the Easterly line of lands of the party of the first part hereto one hundred and eighteen feet and seventy five one hundredths of a foot more or less to the place of beginning.



Which tract is hereby dedicated by the joint consent of the parties hereto for a public street.

Second Tract: Beginning in the line between the aforesaid lands of the party of the first part hereto and the lands of "The First Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa" commonly known as and called the "Reformed Church Cemetery" at a point on said line forty feet West of the West line of Graham avenue (formerly Pierson Street) and running thence Westerly along said line fifty one feet to a point ninety feet at right angles from the Westerly line of Graham avenue thence (2) southerly and parallel with the West line of Graham avenue two hundred and thirty seven feet and fifty one hundredths of a foot to a point distant one hundred feet at right angles from the north side of Market Street; thence (3) Easterly ninety three feet and five tenths of a foot to a point in the west line of Graham avenue as laid out on Map X, of lands of the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures distant on said line one hundred and one feet North from the North line of Market Street; thence (4) Northerly along said West line of Graham avenue thirteen feet more or less to the point where the Easterly line of the lands of the party of the first part hereto intersects the Westerly line of Graham avenue as laid out as aforesaid: and thence (5) Northerly two hundred and forty seven feet to the place of beginning.

Said tracts are more particularly described on the map annexed hereto.

Together with all and singular the houses, buildings, trees, ways waters, profits, privileges and advantages with the appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining: Also, all the estate right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said party of the first part of in and to the same, and of in and to every part and parcel thereof To have and to hold, all and singular the above described land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part its successors and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part its successors and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said party of the first part hath hereunto caused its President to set his hand and to affix its Common Seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

The word "heirs" erased and the word "successors" inserted three times; the covenants erased; and in conclusion the words "caused its President to" and the words "to affix its common" inserted, all before signing.

Wm Nelson

Henry I. Clark [L. S.]  
President.



State of New Jersey        }  
County of Passaic        } ss

Be it Remembered that on this Fourth day of March, A. D. 1889, before me John Hopper, one of the Masters in Chancery of the State of New Jersey, personally appeared, William Nelson who being by me duly sworn according to law on his oath saith that he knows Henry I. Clark to be President of "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson" New Jersey: that the seal above affixed is the common seal of the said corporation, that he heard the said Henry I. Clark acknowledge that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing instrument as the voluntary act and deed of the said corporation, and that he the said William Nelson, signed his name thereto, at the same time as an attesting witness.

Proved the day and year above mentioned.

John Hopper

Master in Chancery

Received and Recorded March 13th 1889.\*

Wm M. Smith Clk

\*In Book K 9 of Deeds for Passaic county, pages 590 &c.

## XIX.

### SUBSCRIPTION FOR A HEARSE, 1825.

We the subscribers, members of the first Presbyterian Congregation in Paterson, considering it to be desirable & important that a Hearse, should be procured, which shall be the property of the Congregation, to be used for the accommodation of the members of this congregation—& also for the accommodation of others, when convenient,—Promise to pay to the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society in Paterson the sums annexed to our respective names for the above mentioned object.

Paterson May 30th 1825

	\$	Brown King pd	1 00
Saml Fisher	2 00	James Brooks paid	1 00
A Godwin Jr	2 00	Cash pd	25
John Clark Jr	1 00	Wm Ferguson	1 00
Wm M Cobb	1 00	Nesbitt Taylor Pd	" 75
Edo Van Winkle	1 00	L White	" 75
Henry Whitely paid	1 00	James Close	1 00
John Garrison	1 00	John Ray paid	1 00
J Weller	1 0	John Morrow paid	50
A. King paid	1 00	John Campbell	50
James Warren paid	1 00	Allan Campbell	50

John Vail	1 00	W Thomson pd	1 —
Nicholas Smith	50	David Wilson paid	50
Wm F Bowne	1 00	Joseph Sherburne	50
Robt O Robinson pd	1 00	John flood	1 00
Joseph Ferris Paid	1 00	Danl F Lockwood	1 00
Elisha B. Clark paid	1	John Rutan	1 00
Hy E Van Winkle	50	Docr W Ellison Pd	2 00
Simeon Clasen	50	Henry Post	1 00
		C. M. Godwin Paid	1 30

## XX.

## LIST OF LOT OWNERS IN OLD CEMETERY, 1840.

1 Henry Whitely	Paid	
2 John Smith	do	
3 Thomas Van Riper	do	
4 William Sandford N 1-2	do	
Mrs Ferris S 1-2	do	
5 James Moore	do	
6 Jacob Catlin	do	
7 M W Collet	do	
8 John Blundell S 1-2 Carter		
9 Inquire		
10 Abram Servin	do	
11 Thomas McGiven S 1-2		enquire
17 Aaron King Jr		
18 Garret Van Houten	do	
19 John Steel N 1-2	do	
Berry S 1-2	do	
20 Sold		
21 Lemuel White	do	
22 Robert Hughson query		
23 Sold		
24 John Benson	do	
25 John Rutan	do	
26 John Clark	do	
27 Elisha Clark	do	
28 W L Clark	do	
30 William Quin	do	
31 B M Hagerty	do	
32 David Burnett	do	
33 Albert Hopper	do	

	S 1-2	N 1-2		
34	Cundell & Hathaway		do	
35	John Garrison		do	
36	John A Jones		do	
37	John Blundell		do	
45	Mark W Crady		do	
46	John Clark Jr	N 1-2	do	
	Force	S 1-2	do	
47	Daniel Thompson		do	
48	Bernard Whiting		do	
49	Thomas Luck		do	
50	John Scisco		do	
51	P Stead	N 1-2 I Canady	S 1-2	do
52	Moses Parker			
53	Robert Brooks		do	
54	Pettigrew		do	
55	Mrs Martin	N 1-2		
56	Danl Lowry	N 1-2	do	
62	John Benjamin		do	
63	Thompson	N 1-2 Donnelly	S 1-2	
73	Wm Wood		do	
74	C Brower			Given by Trustees
75	C Hequemburg Jr			
76	Spear, Hopper & Inslee		do	
77	Sherilin	S 1-2		
78	William Angus		do	
79	Thomas McKnabb		do	
80	A Graham	N 1-2 J Lemon	S 1-2	Lemon has paid
82	to 90 inclusive	W Dickey	do	
91	Valentine			V is to pay \$9 in work There is one grave on lot
105	A Hunter	S 1-2		Hunter has paid
	John D Carlick	N 1-2		
127	S Eaton	D Axtell		
		S 1-2	N 1-2	
128	A Richards,	N Smith		Richards has paid
129	Robert Thomson			
130	Peter Sloat		do	
131	Benjamin Crane			
132	Hugh Beggs		do	in Brower's hands
133	D K Allen			
134	D K Allen		do	\$30
135	D K Allen			

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The above account I gathered from Brown with a few exceptions.

O P.\*

## XXI.

## SUBSCRIPTION FOR BRINGING THE REV. MR. CLARK TO PATERSON.

We the Subscribers agree to pay the sums annexed to our respective names for the purpose of defraying the expenses of moving the Rev Mr Clark from Flemmington to this place—

Paterson March 21, 1837					
Samuel G Wheeler	pd	25 00	M. E. DeWitt	pd	3.00
Joseph Smith	pd	25 00	A. Munson	pd	2.00
William L Clark	pd	10 00	A Van Saun	pd	3.00
C M Godwin	pd	10 —	William Crossett	pd	2 00
William Dickey	pd	15 00	Cash	pd	1.00
O Pollard	pd	5 00	Wm Cundell	pd	2.00
D. Burnett	pd	5 00	James Close	pd	1.00
John Colt	pd	25.	Cash	pd	2 —
		—	Cash	pd	1 00
		120	E E Collins	pd	1 00
		25	Elisha B Clark	pd	5.—
		—	John S Personett	pd	2 00
		\$145 00			—
					25

## XXII.

## SUBSCRIPTION TOWARD PAYING MR. CLARK'S SALARY, 1841.

Whereas a deficiency of Three Hundred and fifty Dollars exists in the payment of The Revd Mr Clarks Salary, and there is no other way of raising said deficiency except by private subscription. We the undersigned do therefor agree to pay Wm L Clark Treasurer the sums attached to our respective names for the purpose aforesaid

Paterson 15 May 1841					
R L Colt	pd	\$50	George W Sneden	pd	1 00
H. C Stimson	pd	10	E. E. Collins	paid	2
Cash	pd	25	Henry White	pd	2 00

\*O. Pollard.

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Robt Morrell	pd	20	David Cowen	paid	2 00
Joseph Smith	pd	20			<hr/>
D. Burnett	pd	20			7 00
Wm. L. Clark	pd	20			360
John S Personett	pd	20			<hr/>
Wm Cundell	pd	20	Entd by Treas	}	\$367 00
Wm Dickey	pd	20	May 27, 1841	}	
Cash	pd	10			
Chas Danforth	pd	10			
E B Clark	pd	10			
T. Rogers	pd	10			
Hugh Beggs	pd	10			
James Close	pd	10			
A S Pennington	pd	20			
Henry Clark	pd	10			
B. W. Vandervoort	pd	10			
H V. Butler	pd	10			
Cash	pd	5			
Jas D. Lockwood	pd	5			
Thomas Walker	pd	5			
Joseph Gledhill	pd	5			
Israel Munson	pd	5			
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		\$360			

## XXIII.

### SUBSCRIPTION FOR RELIEF OF THE REV. MR. EATON, 1844.

Subscription for the relief of The Revd Mr Eaton and family

R L Colt	Paid	\$50	Cash paid Mr. Eaton by J.	
A S Pennington	Paid	25	Smith while in New York	\$50
Jno Colt	Paid	25		
Robt. Carrick	paid	10		
D Ridgway	paid	10		
Robt Morrell	paid	10		
R. O. Colt	paid	10		
W H Plummer	paid	10		
D Burnett	paid	5		
Josiah Pierson	pd	5		
John O Colt	pd	5		
Wm L Clark	paid	5		

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Thos D Hoxsey	paid	5 00		
John S Personett	pd	5 00		
John Keenan	pd	5		
Wm Cundell	pd by order for			
Mr Eaton		5 00		
Chas. Danforth	Paid	5 00		
Cors G Garrison	Paid	5 00		
C Warner	Paid	3 00	Mar 13. 1844 pd by Wm	
H Clark	pd	3 00	L Clark Treas. to Rev	
S. Schoonmaker	pd	3 00	Mr Eaton	159 00
		209		\$209

## XXIV.

### SUBSCRIPTION TOWARD A NEW PULPIT AND REPAIRS, 1834.

We the undersigned do hereby promise and agree to pay Wm. L. Clark Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society the Sums annexed to our names for the purpose of erecting a New Pulpit, painting and cleaning the Church &c

		Dols	cts			Dols	cts
Joseph Smith	pd	25		Jno Colt (fifty	pd	50	
William Dickey	pd	15		Jno Garrison	pd	5 00	
D. Burnett	pd	10		Oliver Pollard	pd	5 00	
C M Godwin	pd	10		John P. Hall	pd	5 00	
H S Raymond	pd	10		J Catlin	pd	5 00	
Wm L Clark	pd	10		L. White	pd	5 00	
T Rogers	pd	10		Wm Cundell	pd	5 00	
Rob. Carrick	pd	10		Joseph Mc Kee	pd	5 00	
John Clark Jr	pd	10		C Hequembourg Jr	pd	5 00	
R. Doremus Cash	pd	5		H Hatheway	pd	5 00	
Day & Warren	pd	5 00		A S Pennington Paid	pd	5 00	
George M Ray	pd	5 00		E C Hoxsey	pd	5 00	
A Godwin Jr	pd	5 00		H. Clark	pd	5 00	
J. D. Lockwood	pd	5 00		Amos Munson	pd	5 00	
Robt Morrell	pd	5 00		L. Conger	pd	5 00	
Edo Van Winkle	pd	5 00		William Crossett	pd	5 00	
John R. Gould	pd	5 00		S W Buffum	pd	5 00	
T. Ketcham	pd	5 00		Ziba Parkhurst	pd	5 00	
Jno Bensen	pd	5		Paul & Beggs	pd	5 00	
Wm Inslee	pd	3		Elisha B Clark	pd	5	
Henry Whitely	pd	2		James Bentley	pd	5	

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Patrick McGee	pd	50	James Close	pd	5 00
Alexd Scrymegeour	pd	2	S. D Canfield	pd	5 00
David Morrow	pd	2	B. W. Vandervoort	pd	5 00
			Albert Van Saun	pd	5 pd
		\$169 50	Jno Thompson	pd	5 00
		175 00			
					\$175 —

Entd on Treasurers Book

Nov 8. 1834

\$344 50

## XXV.

### SUBSCRIPTION TOWARD PAYING OFF DEBT DUE ON ACCOUNT OF THE NEW PULPIT, ETC.

We the Subscribers do hereby agree & promise to pay Wm L Clark Treasurer the Sums prefixed to our respective names for the purpose of paying off a debt of \$162 incurred in the building of the Pulpit, and other repairs done to the first Presbyterian Church—

R. L Colt by W L C	pd	\$25.00 c
Joseph Smith	pd	10.00
H. S. Raymond	pd	6.00
Wm. L. Clark	paid	5.— c
Wm Dickey	paid	8.—
D. Burnett	pd	5.—
A Warner	pd	2.00
Law. Hali		3.00
M W Collet	pd	2.00
Jno Colt	pd	10 — c
Chas Danforth	pd	2.00 c
C M Godwin	pd	3.00 c
John Clark Jr	pd	2.00 c
Ziba Parkhurst	pd	3 00 c
D Ridgway		2 00
A S Pennington	paid	5 00
E B Clark	pd	2.—
R., O Robinson	pd	2 —
A Van Saun	pd	3 —

## XXVI.

### SUBSCRIPTION TOWARD A NEW ORGAN, 1845.

Mr. R L Colt having generously offered to give a Lot worth \$300 and



\$150 in money towards purchasing a new and well toned organ for the Church provided the balance say \$300 can be raised by Subscription. We the undersigned do hereby promise to pay the amounts subscribed to our respective names for the purpose of making up said \$300.

Roswell L Colt,	pd	\$450	Mrs Bentley	pd	5
Mrs Eliza P. Colt	pd	25	Corns Speer	paid	5
Mary, Meta & Aime			Wm L Clark	pd	5
Colt	pd	20	D Barkalow	pd	5
Miss S. Colt & Miss			Mr Devereux	pd	5
Bainbridge	pd	25	John Hopper	pd	5
Chas Danforth	pd	20	Miss Imlays	pd	5
Robt Morrell	pd	20	Jesse Talbot	pd	5
D K Allen	pd	10	Henry Clark	Paid	5
Mr Woodruff	pd	10	B W Vandervoort	pd	5
Wm Dickey	pd	10	I. B. Lockwood	pd	5
Cs Warner	pd	10	H Fifield	pd	5
Joseph Smith	pd	10	J O Smith	pd	5
D Burnett	pd	10	Joseph Smith Jr	pd	5
John Keenan	pd	10	James Close	R M	5 pd
David B Rising	R M	10 pd	Edo Van Winkle	pd	5
pd Cathe C. Pennington		10	Mrs Gledhill	R M	5 pd
C. G. Garrison	R M	10 pd	Israel Munson	R M	5 pd
Henry Whitely	R M	10 pd	Wm Ray	pd	5
Wm A Butler	pd	10	Brown King	pd	5
Mrs H V Butler	pd	10	John Garrison	pd	6 00
Wm. Cundell	R M	10 pd	Peter Adams		3
Robt Carrick	R M pd	20 00	Robert Miller	pd	2
Patrick McGee	pd	5 00	Jas. Macpherson		-1
		-----	Mrs Blundell	pd	2
		725	Mr Lemon	pd	1
			Ralph Doremus	pd	5
			John M Gould	R M Pd	5 00

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### XXVII.

BILL FOR THE NEW ORGAN.

Joseph Smith Esqr

Bought of Thomas Hall

1845

Augt 16 Organ for First Presbyterian Church Paterson

\$750.

Boxes packing carting &amp;c

12 94

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\$762.94

Received payment as follows, cash Twelve 94 | 100 dollars Joseph Smiths two notes one at sixty days for Three Hundred and one at Twelve months for one hundred and fifty dollars together with deed for lot of ground on Mill street in the town of Paterson valued at Three hundred dollars making Seven hundred and Sixty two 94 | 100 dollars in full |  
 Paterson 16 augt 1845. | Tho Hall

## XXVIII.

SUBSCRIPTION TOWARD PAYING OFF THE DEBT OF THE CHURCH, 1846.

The undersigned do hereby severally agree to pay to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, of Paterson, on demand, the sums affixed to our names for the purpose of paying the debts of said church, and for the repair of the church.

A Lady pd to R M	paid	\$25	John Garrison	5
R L. Colt	pd	100	pd 56 D	
A S Pennington	paid	30	James Close	pd 3
Wm Cundell		30 00	Thos Adams	pd 2
Jno Colt	(50)	50	Cash J Ray	pd 2 00
Robt Morrell	paid	25 00	pd Patrick McGee	3 00
Chas Danforth	p l	15 00	Robert Miller	pd 2
Cash (H Whitely)	pd	5	R Morrell	pd 5
H Clark	paid	5	P. Adams	
D. Burnett	paid	10	Wm Crossett	pd 5
Joseph Gledhill		5	Thomas Gould	pd 5
S Munson	paid	5 00		
John R Gould		5 00	Paid	
B. W. Vandervoort		5 00	Paid	
John Keenan		5	Paid	
A. B. Woodruff		5	Paid	
Cornelius Speer		5 00	Paid	
Wm A Butler		5 00	Paid	
Pd. Charles Warner		3 00	Paid	
Peter Van Riper		5	Paid	
Mr Plummer	pd	5		
J D Lockwood		5	Paid	
John Hopper		5	Paid	
Cash		5		
Cash		2		

John O Colt	pd	10
Cash		1
Cash		10 00 Paid
Cash		2
Cash	W D pd	5

Jan. 22, 1847 Recd of R. Morrell A. R. Van Houten's note in payment his subscription within and that of "A Lady" \$59.

D. Burnett, Treasr

15 Feb 1847 Rec. from Joseph Smith Two Hundred & twelve 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  100 on account of my bills against the church  
\$212.12

William Crossett

## XXIX.

### FORM OF DEED FOR A PEW IN THE CHURCH, 1825.

WE, "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson," do hereby Certify, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty \_\_\_\_\_ we sold to \_\_\_\_\_ of the township of \_\_\_\_\_ and state of New-Jersey, a certain Pew in the Church belonging to said Society, known and designated as Pew No. \_\_\_\_\_ for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, and that the said \_\_\_\_\_ paid thereon the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, leaving a balance due of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars. Now we do hereby promise and agree with the said \_\_\_\_\_ executors, administrators, or assigns to convey to \_\_\_\_\_ the said Pew No. \_\_\_\_\_ by good and sufficient Deed upon \_\_\_\_\_ paying the said balance of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, with the interest thereon yearly, together with all such sums or yearly rents as are or may be assessed and charged upon said Pew, by the votes of at least two thirds of the Pew-Owners, counting one vote for each Pew, to be determined at a meeting or meetings, regularly to be convened for that purpose. The present yearly rent or charge on said Pew being \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, said rents to be paid in equal quarterly payments, on the first days of August, November, February, and May, in each year. PROVIDED always, that if the said \_\_\_\_\_ executors, administrators, or assigns, shall neglect or refuse to pay said rents, or the interest on said balance, for the term of one year, it shall be

lawful for the said Trustees to re-enter said Pew No. \_\_\_\_\_ and to rent out the same and receive the rents thereof until all arrearages of rent and interest, as aforesaid, shall be paid up, and further, if the said \_\_\_\_\_ executors, administrators, or assigns, shall neglect or refuse, at the expiration of ten years from the date hereof, to pay up said balance and interest, together with all arrears of rent, then due; then it shall be lawful for said Trustees to re-enter said Pew, and have the same again as fully and entirely as they held the same before said sale.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of said Trustees hath here-  
unto set his hand and affixed the seal of said Trustees, this  
day                                          in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and twenty

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
in presence of }

XXX.

DEED FOR A PEW IN THE CHURCH, 1838.

This Indenture, made this Tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight between "The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson," of the first part, and John Bensen of the township of Paterson in the county of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, of the second part, WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred & Fourteen 29 | 100 dollars to them in hand well and truly paid, by the said party of the second part, before the execution of these presents; and also in further consideration of the annual rent, herein after reserved, HAVE granted, bargained, sold, released, conveyed and confirmed and by the presents DO grant, bargain, sell, release, convey, deed, and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs, and assigns, forever; That certain PEW in the said Church or House of Public Worship; belonging to said Trustees in Paterson aforesaid, designated in the draft of said Pews, made and entered in the book of Minutes and Journal of the proceedings of the said Trustees and therein known by the number of fifty-four (54) TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Pew number fifty-four with its benefits, rights and appurtenances to the said party of the second part, his heirs, and assigns, to the only proper use, benefit, and behoof of the said party of the second part, his heirs, and assigns, forever; subject, nevertheless, to the payment to the said Trustees or their successors, of the annual rent or sum of Twelve 58 | 100 dollars, or of such other annual rent or sum, as may hereafter be agreed upon by at least two thirds of the owners of Pews in said church,

counting one vote to each Pew, at a meeting regularly to be convened for that purpose, to be assessed on the said Pews in equal proportions, according to the permanent valuation of said Pews, made and entered, on the book of Minutes of the said Trustees, to be paid in equal quarterly payments, on the first day of August, November, February and May, in each and every year. And in case the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, shall neglect or refuse, for the space of one year, to pay the said quarterly rents or sums of money, or either of them. The said parties of the first part, or their successors, shall and may, from time to time, and at all times after such neglect or refusal be made for one year, as aforesaid, re-enter the said Pew, and rent the same until the said arrears of rent are paid and satisfied. And in case the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall neglect or refuse for the space of ten successive years to pay the said annual rent in quarterly payments as aforesaid. The said parties of the first part and their successors shall and may after such default, re-enter said Pew and have, hold, use, occupy, and possess the same, as of their former estate therein any thing herein expressed to the contrary notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Trustees have hereunto caused their common seal to be affixed, the day and year above written.

Sealed and Delivered in )  
the Presence of )  
David Burnett

Samuel G. Wheeler Prest

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L. S.  
}

Passaic County, ss.

Before me, David Burnett, one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, personally appeared Samuel G. Wheeler, President of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the within Instrument on behalf of the said Board of Trustees, as their act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

David Burnett.

Paterson, Jan 29, 1840.

For and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars to me in hand paid, I hereby sell, release and convey to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, for the use of said Society, all my right title and interest in the Pew described in the within deed. Witness my hand and seal hereto annexed.

Jno Bensen.

{  
L. S.  
}

## DEED FOR A LOT IN THE OLD CEMETERY, 1829.

This Indenture, made this Second day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Twenty Nine Between the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society in Paterson, of the Township of Acquackanonk, County of Essex, and State of New-Jersey, of the first part, and Mark W. Collett of the Township of Acquackanonk County of Essex and State of New Jersey, of the second part—Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve Dollars, to them, in hand well and truly paid, by the said party of the second part, before the execution of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, that certain tract or parcel of Land, situate in the Township of Acquackanonk, County of Essex, and State of New-Jersey, being a part of a tract of land, conveyed to the said Trustees by the State of New Jersey—by deed, bearing date, March 16, 1826 for the purpose of a Burying Ground, or Cemetery, known and designated on the Map of said Burying Ground, as Lot No. 7—to be used by the said party of the second part, as a Cemetery or Burying Ground, and for no other purpose whatever—To have and to hold the said Lot No. 7—with all its benefits, rights and appurtenances to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. And also, that the said parties of the first part, will warrant, secure, and forever defend the said tract of land unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person or persons, clearly and freely discharged of and from all manner of encumbrance whatever.

In Witness Whereof, the President of the said Trustees, hath hereunto set his hand and affixed the Seal of the said Society, this day and year first above mentioned.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
in presence of }

B W Vandervoort.

James King  
President

{ L. S. }

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XXXII.

SUBSCRIPTION TOWARD REBUILDING THE CHURCH, 1850.

We, whose names are hereto annexed hereby promise and agree to pay to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, on demand, the sums annexed to our names respectively, for the purpose of rebuilding their Church.

October 7th 1850

David Burnett	\$150.	Willm Cundell	150.
Hands employed in shop		Stephen Allen	150.00
of Wm. Cundell	55	H O Hedge	50 00
Thomas Gould	100 00	A. B. Woodruff	50.00
J. S. Rogers	50.00	John Ryle	50.00
Matthew Jackson	100	John C. White	50
Tredwell Ketchum	100	Henry White	20 00
Israel Munson	50.00	H Sprague	25.00
P V H V Riper	25 00	Edward Clark	25 00
Wm Gledhill	20 00	G. M. Stimson	50
S. Tuttle	20 00	C. D. Ridgway	20
E T Prall	10	D. Laverack	5 00
Joseph Warren	2 00	H. Dougherty	5 00
David Quackenbush	5	Wm Watson	3
Christen Zebriskea	3	Henry Smith	10
John Parker	2	Samuel Smith	5
Wm Swinburne	5	David Bogert	5
Christian Huber	5	Carter & Doremus	5
John O'Neill Junr	10	Amos S Pack	5
James Warden	5 00	Mrs. A Parke	10
Mrs. French	50	Charles Wolfhegel	1.00
Henry Forbes	1 00	Cash	1 00
John Harrison	1 00	Rachel Jenkins (self & others)	5 13
P. W. Ackerman	2 00	George H Laurence	50
Benjamin Stinson	1	Beam & Taylor	10 00
John Habben	2.00	John S Fayerweather	2.00
John O'Neill	2.00	Wm Reed	3 00
Wm. Moyle	3.00	Wm. D. Quin	5 00
E Tregear	5 00	Mrs. Jane Cunningham	10
J. Lum	5	Milton Sears	10
C. Inglis Jr.	10 00	James B. Cluss	5 00
A H Godwin	10 00	I & T Manson	5 00
John J Brown	10	S. Schoonmaker	5.00
A Stoutenborough	50	Robert T. Creamer	10.00



Robert Gledhill	10.00	Stephen Van Winkle	30.00
C. T. Van Dervoort	10.00	J. M. Smylie	10 00
H. Van Gieson	5.00	Davies Millar	10 00
Richard Van Houten	10 00	Patrick Curran	3.00
John P. Brown	5	David Bumstead	2 00
Margaret Bumsted	1 00	John Brown	5 00
J. P. Huntton	10	R S Woodruff	2 00
Stephen H Wall	2 00	Alex W Rogers	5 00
J & C Andrews March 13 <sup>1</sup> 54	5 00	T. I. Speer	3 00
C. A. Sisson	5 00	Jacob Hopper	2 00
E. R. Mason	3.00	Cole & Doremus	2 00
W. M. Halsted	3 00	Simonten & Snyder	3.00
Andrew Moser	2.00	Elizabeth Holden	2.00
Abm. C Van Blarcom	2 00	John Gallagher	2
S. Peiser	50	I & G Ramsey	2 00
Corns C Blauvelt	2 00	William Douglass	50
Garret Hopper	2 00	Mr S Baldwin	50
W A Hopson	1 00	Amos Beemer	1 00
Thos. Becroft	1 00	W P & C E Atherton	3 00
John Drew	1 00	R. Morehead	2
Josef Zutterkirch	50	Mr Sherman	50
M S Crane	50	Orlando Thrift	50
Wm Stoutenborough	50	D P Quackenbush	50
Melvin Mason	50	David D Hennion	50
Ralph Spear	50	Dr. G A Bylard	1.00
P. Watson	1 00	John Storms	50
H Bannister	1 00	Richard Hamilton	2
Mr Hampson	50	Mr McGill	50
Mr Harris	50	Mrs. Allen	1 00
Bartholomew Warner	2	Issacher Drew	2
James Sutherland	1.00	A Geroe	50
S Mendelson	1.00	A. Van Riper	1.00
Mr. H. I. Doremus	2 00	William Hartly	50
James Slater	1 00	Jno Evans	10 00
Abm Ackerman	1 00	Jacob Mercelis	5 00
J H Zabriskie	5.00	J C Vandervoort	1.00
H. B. Crosby	5.00	Lewis R. Stelle	10.00
D Roe	10	Henry A Williams	3
Mrs Ellen Hopper	3 00	John Dresendorfer	2 00
James A Mathews	2 00	B W Vandervoort	5 00
Robt Matches	10 00	James Gordon	20 00
John P Zeluff	1.00	Perigrine Sandford	3.00

Robert Chiswell	5.00	H Hatheway	10 00
G A Mills	10 00	Robert Smith	5
Elizabeth Donehughey	5	Mrs D Garrison	25
Mrs John Vreeland	50	Mrs Ellen Vreeland	25
Mrs Arriana Terhune	10	Cornelius I Marselis	1 00
Edo P Merselis	5 00	Mrs H Van Winkle	1
Robert Dalling	10 00	Mrs Alexander	10
Mrs Pettigrew	10	Mrs. Gillespie	10
Patrick Butler	5 00	Hiram Gould	5 00
Abram Heard	10	D G Scott	25 00
H M Low	10	T. A. Gallagher	1
Michl Morris,	2.00	Frederic Curie	5
A. Phillips	2	J. H. Bowman	10

## XXXIII.

## ANOTHER SUBSCRIPTION TOWARD REBUILDING THE CHURCH, 1850.

We, whose names are hereto annexed hereby promise and agree to pay to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson on demand the sums annexed to our names respectively, for the purpose of rebuilding their church. Oct 7. 1850.

Henry Clark	\$150	John Garrison	150
Jas D Lockwood	150	Roswell L Colt	\$3000
Thos O Colt	100		1000
Morgan Colt	100	Henry Clark	100
James Jackson	25	Edo Van Winkle	100
Patrick McGee	50 00	Charles Warner	50
D Barkalow	100 00	John Keenan	100
Peter Adams	100 00	Wm. A. Butler	100.00
John O. Smith	50	M. C Smith	25
Jane Smith	25	Danl Ridgway	25
Mrs R. Morrel	100	Mrs Thos Adams	10
Mr Walker	10.	Dr. G. P. Martin	.50
Joseph Gledhill	50 00	John M Gould	25
English, Van Blarcom & Co	50	Ackerman & Titus	50
C. G. Garrison	200	Mrs Durie	20
D Durie	10 00	John Leman	5
Peter Archdeacon	10	Moses E Gould	10
Abraham Gould	10	Abraham Garrison	5
Andrew Montgomery	5	J Morrow	5

Thomas Seagen	10.00	Wm L Clark	20
Benj Crane	10.00	Henry L Garbrecht	10.00
James Angus	10.00	Margt Schusler	5.00
John Leman (additional)	10.00	A G Van Houten	3.00
John Roach	10.00	Owen Vaughn	15.00
Freeman Cole	10	Josiah F Calvin	10.00
Chas O'Neill	10.00	John Blundell	20
Geo. B. Ely	10 00	Pamela Beyes	5 00
C. T. Sutherland	10	William James	25
George Townley	10	Nath Lane	25.00
Richard Thompson	5 00	P Rafferty	5 00
J C Todd	5 00	Mrs Stott	5
P Chadwick	5 00	David Russell	2 00
Albert Van Houten	5	James Dunn	5 00
James N Harper	2 00	Friend	10 00
Geor English	5	James Anderson	2 00
John Moore	5	Wm McWhinney	3
Benjn Slingerland	5	Andw Griffith	5
E. B. King & Co	5.00	Arthur Quin	5
Andrew G Snyder	5.00	Jas McGaw	5
Benj Geroe	5	John L Cluss	5
Jacob V. R. Van Blarcom	5	D. A. Dixon	5 00
William Stuart	5	C I Westervelt	10 00
Abrm Collier	10 00	William Ridgway	5 00
Hugh Brownlee	5	William Winchester	5
H Moses paid in work	10	Samuel Pope not paid	25
Wm Bacon	5	Thompson Adams	5
Mrs Thos Adams	10	Alex McAllister	3
Thos McClane	2	Thos Devosney	3
G. & A. Zabriskie	2 00	John I Goetchius	5 00
Lewis Conklin	2	Thomas Miller paid \$2	5
Edward H. Clark	5	Rev Mr Bogardus	3
James Scanlin	5	Peter G. Spear	5
Danl Mackey	3	Geo Swift paid in work	5.10
Wm Suttle	2	Harman Kesler	2
H. Bowman	1	Abm R Rutan	1
John Schoonmaker	2	Jas Malcolm	1
Adol Wirth	2	Archd Graham	3
Wm Montgomery	1	John Broughton	2
Thos. Warren,	10 00	Jonathan Johnson	1 00
James Johnson	2 00	Jas Scott at Wittemores	1 00
Wm Holden	3	John Norbury	1

L P Lauterman	2 00	Mrs B. Hartley	1
Augustus Peers	1	John Jameson	1
William Angus	1	John Tebbs	1
Pat Rooney	1	A. A. Hopper	3
Wm Hulme	3	Benjamin <sup>a</sup> Bailey	2
John Murphy	2	John Greer	1
Cornelius Blauvelt Jr	3	Paul Post	1
Wm McKee	2	Mrs Hayes	1
Mosely (Silk Mill)	1	Hartman C Vreeland	1
D. D Doremus	1	Robert Coulter	1

## XXXIV.

PAYMENT OF THE DEBT ON THE PARSONAGE, 1876-7.

Paterson 1st Feby 1877

To the Honorable

The Trustees of the First

Presbyterian Church

Gentlemen

We the undersigned, have the honor to enclose herewith, the bonds & mortgages paid & cancelled of record; & the two notes, fully paid & satisfied (amounting to in all, \$7,404 78) which have been held for so many years as a lien on the Parsonage of our Church.

Enclosed also you will find the Subscription papers with the amounts subscribed for the liquidation of this debt; & the Account showing our Total receipts and expenditures—

These we trust you will find all correct & satisfactory—

The small balance on hand you will please place to the Mission School Mortgage. This has been promised by us to the Contributors—We would also suggest to you, that out of the increased available income of the Church, an annual sum say \$200.00 be paid on this mortgage, & so gradually remove this debt also—

And now in closing up our work, we have but to report unto you, the deep & earnest feeling we found among our people in regard to this debt; all felt the burden, all were anxious to do their share as the list of names on the Subscription List sufficiently proves — & the often expressed hope should the debt be removed that the Poor of the Church should be “considered” & not too heavily taxed for their pew rents;—& also that the Trustees in all their future works of usefulness (and we hope these will be many) should not take the easy method of assuming mortgages but endeavor to raise the money before the work is undertaken—

If Gods Blessing be with you in the works, you will find a generous & willing response from the people—Such has been our experience—By His Help and His Aid have we alone done our work, & now at its successful close we would offer up to Him our Voice of Thanksgiving that to do this, “We have been counted worthy”

Gentlemen

we have the honor to be

Yours very Respectfully

Carrie Edwards

Anne Inglis

Paterson N. J. Nov 7th 1876

The Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson N. J., submits the following statement for the consideration of all the Pewholders and others who may feel interested in the financial welfare of the church, with the hope that it may lead to a final and successful effort to cancel the mortgage debt on the Parsonage—

Statement

Debt on Parsonage, from year 1860—to year 1872	\$5405.00
Add Mortgage to W A Butler given in year 1872 on retirement of Dr Hornblower	1000.00

Total amount of Debt on Parsonage at present date	\$7405.00
Interest paid out in 12 years on \$5,405.00 amounts to	\$4,536 00
Interest paid out the last 4 years since 1872 on \$7,405 00 amounts to	\$2,073 00
Making a total amount of simple interest paid out in the sixteen years—	\$6,609.00

If we reckon “Compound Interest” (which would be only correct and fair) we find the amount increased to the large sum total of \$9,069 00

It is perfectly manifest therefore that the Interest of the Debt if Compounded, amounts to nearly (\$1600 00) Sixteen hundred dollars more than the Principal

As it is so clearly to the best Interests of our Church to Cancel this Debt we the undersigned subscribe the respective amounts set opposite our names only on condition that the whole amount of the debt at the present date on the Church Parsonage amounting to \$7,405 00 is subscribed and paid in when called for

John Edwards	\$1000.	P Adams	\$500.00
Francis C Van Dyk	500 00	Mary Danforth	500 00
M. E. Ryle	500 00	M. D. Taggart	500 00
William Crossett	100	Thomas Barbour	250.00

Robert Barbour	250.00	Mary Danforth (additional)	250.00
William Ryle (to complete)	254.00	James Angus	200 —
Mrs J Booth	100.00	Wm & Annie Shorrock	105.00
Thos Gould	200.00	H A. Williams	100.00
James Booth	100.00	H & J Clark	100.00
Stephen Allen	100.00	John M Gould	100.00
Wm G. Fenner	150.00	William Cooke	100
John Bentley	100	Robert Adams	100.—
Stephen Van Winkle	50	Halmagh Van Winkle	50
G. A. Hobart	50	S. Tuttle	50
Miss R. Redman	50	Mrs. James Close	50
William Inglis	50	R. J. Whitely	50
Mrs. E. T. Bell	50	Mrs. R. Thomson	30
Mrs. Mary Bamber	25	A. S. Allen	25
James W. Hewson	25	William H. Harmon	25
J. H. Berdan	25	S. V. S. Muzzy	25
Chas. Keeler	25	Benj. Crane	25
Robert Dalling	25	W. W. Evans	25
John Goetschius	25	John Sanderson	25
Edmund Fenner	25	George Townley	25
John Ramage	25	John H. Hogan	25
Mrs. Eliza Burnett	25	Mrs. Catherine Clark	25
William Aitchison	20	Stephen Wiseman	20
Zebulon Townsend	20	J. S. Tylee	20
J. W. Griggs	20	Luther Martin	17.50
G. W. Henry	15	Mr. A. Hurd	15
Mr. A. Gould	15	H. Hatheway	15
Mrs. R. Miller	15	M. J. Phin	15
George Frost	15	Mrs. Chris. Godden	15
Mrs. M. Stratton	10	Adeline Cunningham	10
Robert Hughes	10	Mrs. J. H. Hopper	10
Mrs. W. L. Evans	10	Ralph Westervelt	10
Wortendyke & Demarest	6	James Dunkerly	5
Rachel Lauback	5	Morton Clark	5
Mattie Gould	5	Mrs. William Ray	5
Mrs. A. Pearce	5	Miss H. Gordon	5
H. C. Hudson	5	William Nelson	5
J. R. Leal	5	Maggie McLees	5
David Ingraham	3	Mrs. Chamney	2
Mrs. W. Moore	1		

## XXXV.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR CHURCH BELL, 1860.\*

We, whose names are hereto annexed promise and agree to pay to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society of Paterson, on demand, the sums annexed to our names respectively for the purpose of procuring a Church Bell.

Feb. 1st, 1860.

H. Muzzy	\$25.00	Henry Clark	\$25.00
D. Burnett	25.00	G. M. Stimson	25.00
Edward Clark	25.00	And. Derrom	25.00
Clark, Wilson & Co.,†	25.00	Walsh, Coulter & Co.,†	25.00
Willetts & Co.†	25.00	Egleston, Battell & Co.†	25.00
Wm. Oothout & Bro.†	25.00	S. Tuttle	25.00
Henry Whitely	25.00	Patrick McGee	25.00
M. G. Colt	25.00	H. V. Butler	25.00
Mrs. J. C. Fowler,	25.00	Wm. Gledhill	25.00
A. P. Fonda	25.00	Thomas Gould	25.00
James Angus	25.00	A. Menealy's Sons‡	25.00
Fonda & Smith	25.00	A. S. Pennington	25.00
C. Danforth	25.00	Charles Keeler	20.00
John Ramage	25.00	John Edwards	25.00
R. Carrick	25.00	Wm. Ryle, Jr.,	25.00
F. C. Beckwith	25.00	Stephen Allen	10.00
H. Van Winkle	10.00	J. D. Lockwood	10.00
Thomas O. Smith	10.00	M. Jackson	10.00
Wm. H. Hornblower	10.00	James Booth	10.00
J. W. Hewson	10.00	Giles Van Ess	10.00
J. Snow	10.00	C. Sanford	10.00
H. A. Williams	10.00	P. V. H. Van Riper	10.00
Samuel Pope	10.00	Henry L. Garbrecht	10.00
William Inglis	10.00	Ralph Westervelt	10.00
C. E. Johnson	10.00	E. B. King & Co.	10.00
H. Muzzy—extra	9.59	A. Derrom	10.00
William Cundell	20.00	Alpheus S. Allen	5.00
Martha Carter	5.00	Hugh Brownlee	5.00
John Y. Orchard	5.00	Pettibone & Dodge	5.00
John O'Neill	5.00	Robert Dalling	5.00

\*From the original in the possession of Mr. Morton Clark, son of the late Edward Clark.

†New York iron, hardware or wire merchants with whom Messrs. Henry and Edward Clark did business.

‡The founders of the bell.



Israel Munson	5.00	John Bentley	5.00
Field & Inglis	5.00	John W. Rea	5.00
J. Sanderson	5.00	J. H. Berdan	5.00
James Cory	5.00	E. I. Ayres	5.00
John Garrison	5.00	Stephen D. Gould	5.00
Stephen Van Winkle	5.00	Margaret Stratton	5.00
George B. Cundell	5.00	D. Turnbull	5.00
Abram Hurd	5.00	George Townley	5.00
J. J. Zabriskie	5.00	James Close	6.00
James Scott	5.00	Ed. Osborne	5.00
John M. Gould	5.00	William Sharp	5.00
William Dickey	5.00	H. O. Hedge	5.00
William Aitchison	5.00	Charles H. Calkins	5.00
David Inglis	5.00	John Redman	5.00
Jacob Van Nostrand	5.00	William Mitchel	5.00
John D. Shorrock	5.00	Moses E. Gould	5.00
William H. Harmon	5.00	Mary Morrell	5.00
Wm. E. Toler	5.00	Valentine Strong	5.00
J. L. Hanes	5.00	S. Jaqua	5.00
Robert Thompson & Son	5.00	James Jackson	5.00
Abm. H. Godwin	10.00	Sundrie amts. paid in	18.00

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Wm. Crossett	10.00	Silas D. Canfield	10.00
Hon. Jetur R. Riggs	25.00		

Martha Greaves	3.00	Wm. S. Malcolm	3.00
Hy. White	3.00	Sarah Singleton	2.00
David Bamber	2.00	John Berdan	2.00
Lewis Ingram	1.00	Wm. Allison	2.00

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Carried back 18.00

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April 11, 1860.

John N. Lemon	1.20	And. Derrom, extra	4.84
Wm. Cundell, extra	21.18	Rogers L. & M. Works	4.21
Machinist Association	2.00	John Edwards	1.59
Edward Clark	20.00		

Extracts from Records of the Session.



## Minutes of the Session.

Paterson, Nov. 1st, 1813, 10 O'clock A. M.,

The persons, whose names are underwritten, members of the Presbyterian Congregation in this place, being desirous of enjoying Christian fellowship, & the special ordinances of the Church of Christ, met at their usual place of worship. The Rev. Mr. Hyllier being present was chosen Moderator, & Oshea Wilder, Clerk. After having produced certificates, or satisfactory testimonials of their having been admitted members of the Presbyterian Church, & of their dismissal from the churches, to which they respectively belonged, they unanimously adopted the following resolutions. (viz.)—

I. That we do this day, humbly trusting in the grace of the great Shepherd and Bishop of Souls, cordially unite together, as a Christian Church, under the name and style of

*"First Presbyterian Church in Paterson."*

II. That we do sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church; & do approve of the government and discipline of said Church, as exercised in these United States.

III. That we do sincerely engage to walk together in Christian Fellowship & love; tenderly & carefully watching over one another in the Lord.

IV. That we do solemnly engage to submit to the discipline of this Church, when administered according to the rules of Christ—so long as we continue members of the same.

Concluded with prayer.

Signed by

Samuel Colt & } From the First Presbyterian  
Phebe, his wife } Church in Newark.

Sarah, wife of Peter Colt—from Do—

Miss Sarah Colt—from Do—

Alvan Wilcox & } From Do—  
Patience, his wife }

John Clark & } From Paisley, Scotland—  
Jane, his wife }

John R. Gould & } From Caldwell—  
Nancy, his wife }

Betsey, wife of John Van Houten—from Do—

Zadock Brown & } From 1st Presbyterian Church  
Phebe, his wife } Newark.

William Dickey—from Philadelphia.

Oshea Wilder & } From Brick Church  
Cornelia, his wife } New York.

Brown King—from Do—Cedar St.

David Auchinvole, from New York.

Widow Isabella King, from Philadelphia.

The male members of the Church then proceeded to elect Deacons & Elders: When Mr. David Auchinvole & Mr. John R. Gould were chosen Deacons—and John R. Gould, David Auchinvole, Samuel Colt, Zadock Brown & Oshea Wilder, were chosen Elders; & were regularly ordained to their respective offices. The meeting was then concluded with prayer.

Oshea Wilder Clerk—

Nov. 1st 1813. One O'clock P. M.

The session of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson, met according to appointment at the house of Mr. Saml. Colt.

*Present* Rev. Asa Hyllier—Mod.—

David Auchinvole, John R. Gould, Samuel Colt, Oshea Wilder, Zadock Brown—Elders.

Began with prayer.

After serious reflection, the Session Adopted the following resolutions.—

I. That, in the opinion of this Session, the sacraments of Baptism & the Lord's Supper are equally sacred, & that the qualifications for each are the same, & that no person can be admitted to either of these sealing ordinances who does not make a profession of vital religion, & join in full communion with the Church.

II. That except in extraordinary cases, the ordinance of Baptism ought always to be administered in the presence of the Congregation.

Mr. James Love, from the County of Tyrone, Parish of Donecary, Ireland, produced certificates of his good moral character, & requested to be received into Communion of this Church. After conversing with him respecting his experimental acquaintance with religion, & his views in desiring communion with the Church: & being satisfied, the session agreed to receive him.

Mr. Robert King came before the session & requested to converse with them, respecting his making a profession of religion & of joining in communion with the Church.

After conversing with him for some time, & finding his mind laboring on several important points, & that he had not set up the worship of God in his family, the Session could not see their way clear to receive him at present.

Mr. Aaron King & Mr. Henry Bush came before the Session & requested to be received into communion with the Church.

After conversing with them respecting their experimental acquaintance

with religion, & their views in desiring communion with the Church, & being satisfied, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Oshea Wilder Clk.

January 21st 1814. 7 o'clock P. M.

The Session of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson, met according to appointment at the house of Mr. Saml. Colt.

*Present* The Rev. Mr. Spaulding—Mod.—

Saml Colt, John R. Gould, Zadock Brown, Oshea Wilder, Elders.

*Absent*—David Auchinvole—Elder.

Began with Prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mr. Aaron King one of the persons that came before the session at their last meeting, was propounded, & regularly received into full communion—& also Mr. James Love was received by certificate & examination into full communion, on the 14th Nov. 1813, when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered for the first time, in this Church, by the Rev. James Richards.

Mrs. Isabella, wife of John Flood, came before the Session & requested to converse with them respecting her making a profession of religion & joining in communion with the Church.

After conversing with her respecting her experimental acquaintance with religion, & her views in desiring communion with the Church—& being satisfied, the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

Oshea Wilder, Clk.

Feby. 5th 1814. 7 O'clock P. M. According to appointment, the Session of the first Presbyterian Church in Paterson, met at the House of Mr. Saml Colt

*Present*—The Rev. John McDowel Mod—

Saml. Colt, David Auchinvole,

Zadock Brown, Oshea Wilder, &

John R. Gould—Elders.

Began with prayer.

William Mulford & Hannah his wife, presented a certificate of their regular standing with the Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown, & requested to be received as members of this Church.—Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Oshea Wilder Clk.

Friday July 1st 1814. 4 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Saml Colt,

Zadock Brown & Oshea Wilder—Elders.

*Absent*—David Auchinvole—Elder.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Philip & Rose his wife, servants of Increase Gould, Esq., appeared before the session & requested to be received into fellowship & communion of the Church.—After a careful examination, as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Mrs. Alice, wife of Rev. Saml. Fisher, applied to the Session to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the first Presbyterian Church in Morristown; whereupon, the Session agreed to receive her.

On application, Mr. David Auchinvole, a Deacon & Elder in this Church, was dismissed, with a view to connect himself with the Presbyterian Church in Hudson, state of New York, where he now resides.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Sept. 13, 1814, 4 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher, Modr.—

John R. Gould, Oshea Wilder  
& Zadock Brown—Elders.

*Absent*—Saml. Colt—Elder

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session, that, agreeable to their vote, at the last meeting, Philip & Rose, after being baptized, were received into the Church Lord's day July 10th, 1814.

Joseph Conckling, Widow Catharine Willis, & Aletta, wife of James Chappel, appeared before the Session & request to be received into the fellowship & Communion of the Church.

After a careful examination, as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Dec. 23, 1814. 3 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Samuel Fisher—Mod.

John R. Gould, Zadock Brown,  
William Mulford, Oshea Wilder,  
& Saml. Colt—Elders

*Absent*—Alvan Wilcox, Elder.



The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Colt rendered his reason for absence from the last meeting of the Session which was sustained.

The Moderator informed the Session that agreeable to their vote, at the last meeting, Joseph Conckling, Widow Catharine Willis & Aletta, wife of James Chappel, were received into the Church Lord's day Oct. 2nd 1814.

The Moderator also informed the Session, that due notice having been given, the male members of the Church, on the 2nd of Oct. last, gave in their votes for one additional Deacon & two additional Elders. On counting the votes it appeared that Zadock Brown was chosen Deacon, & Alvan Wilcox & William Mulford were chosen Elders : all of whom were set apart to their respective offices, according to the Book of discipline, at the close of the Sermon Lord's day Oct. 9th 1814.

Widow Margaret Eagles, from the first Presbyterian Church in Newark, & Mary, wife of John Beach, from the Rutger's Street Church, New York, applied to the Session to be received as members of this church, & produced certificates of their regular standing with the Churches, to which they respectively belonged. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Widow Margaret Davis, Mrs. Charity wife of William Eagles, & Elizabeth wife of Christopher Brower, appeared before the Session and requested to be received into the fellowship & Communion of the Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday April 4th 1815. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

Saml. Colt, Oshea Wilder,

Alvan Wilcox, William Mulford—Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould & Zadock Brown—Elders.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Wilson rendered his reason for absence from the last meeting of the Session, which was sustained.

The Moderator informed the Session that agreeable to their vote at the last meeting, Widow Margret Davis, Charity, wife of William Eagles & Elizabeth, wife of Christopher Brower, were received into the Church, Lord's day, Jan. 1st. 1815.

Cornelius C. Jacobus, & Mary his wife, applied to the Session to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the first Presbyterian Church in Newark. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Elizabeth, wife of Noah Sexton, appeared before the Session, and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of the Church. After a careful examination as to her knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel & her acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive her.

Thomas Wills & Anna Churchfield, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of the Church. After conversing sometime with each of them, the Session thought it best to advise them to postpone, for a season, their intention of uniting to become more thoroughly acquainted with their own hearts.

The following minute of Presbytery was received & read. "In Presbytery Oct. 5th, 1814, the inquiry being made, whether Sessions exercised a proper pastoral care over their baptized children, it appeared that our churches are paying attention to this subject; but that no special exercise of discipline towards baptized children has been adopted: Whereupon Resolved, that it be enjoined upon the several Sessions, under the care of this Presbytery, to pay a more careful attention to this important duty in future; & that the Sessions enjoin it upon the members of their respective churches, who are parents & guardians of baptized children, carefully to admonish them of the peculiar relation in which they stand to the Church of Christ; & to teach them that they are so far under its watch, as, when arrived to years of discretion to be liable to be called to an account for any immoral conduct of which they may be guilty: And that it be further recommended to the several Sessions, wherever it may be practicable, to visit, at least once a year, all baptized persons, who have arrived at years of discretion, & who are not in full communion with the Church, and seriously to converse with them respecting their standing, & the reason of their continuing to neglect the important duties, which are incumbent upon them in consequence of their dedication to God in baptism.

Ordered, that the Stated Clerk transmit an attested copy of the above minute to the Sessions of all the churches under our care."

Attest. Thomas Pirton stated Clk. of the Presbytery of New Jersey."

Whereupon resolved

1. That the minute from Presbytery be entered upon the minutes of the Session.

2. That in order to comply, as far as practicable, with the injunction of Presbytery, this Session will call together the Communicants of this

Church, together with their baptized children, before each stated season of Communion, that they may be instructed into the nature of their respective duties.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday June 26th 1815. 4 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

Present—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.  
Saml. Colt, Alvan Wilcox  
& William Mulford.—Elders.

Absent—Oshea Wilder, John R. Gould  
& Zadock Brown—Elders.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that agreeable to their vote, at the last meeting, Elizabeth, wife of Noah Sexton, was received into the Church Lord's day April 9th, 1815.

William Thomson appeared before the Session and requested to be received as a member of this Church in consequence of his being a member of the Associate Reformed Church, in the City of New York; but as he had not been dismissed from that Church, the Session advised him to postpone his request, until he could obtain a regular dismission.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery at Orange Oct. 5, 1815.

Thus far examined & approved.

Barnabas King Mod.

Monday Oct. 2, 1815. 4 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

Present—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.  
Saml. Colt, Oshea Wilder,  
Alvan Wilcox & William Mulford—Elders.

Absent—John R. Gould, Zadock Brown—Elders.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Widow Margaret Bakeman & Widow Margaret Van Riper appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & Communion of the Church.

After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

William Thomson from the Associate Reformed Church of New York, Mary, wife of Job Crane, from the Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown,

and Widow Catharine Beach from the Presbyterian Church in Rockaway, applied to the Session, to be received as members of this Church & produced certificates of their regular standing with the above named churches ; whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Aletta, wife of James Chappel, applied for a dismission with a view to join one of the Presbyterian churches in New York, where she now resides, which was granted.

Resolved that the Moderator of this Session be empowered to grant letters of dismission to persons applying for the same, in the absence of the Session; & that the same be reported at the next stated meeting.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, April 5th, 1816.

The Session met according to appointment.

Present—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Saml. Colt,  
Oshea Wilder, Alvan Wilcox  
& William Mulford—Elders.

Absent—Zadock Brown—Elder.

The Session being opened with prayer the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that on Lord's day Oct. 15th 1816, Margaret Bakeman, Margaret Van Riper, Mary, wife of Job Crane, William Thomson, & Widow Catharine Beach, were received into the Church agreeable to their vote, at their last meeting.

John J. Colt appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church.

After a careful examination as to his knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel & his acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive him. Enos Lyon, a member of the Presbyterian Church in Orange, applied to the Session, to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of his regular standing with the above named church.

Whereupon the Session agreed to receive him.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday July 5th 1816. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

Present—Rev. Saml. Fisher, Mod.

Saml. Colt, Oshea Wilder,  
& John R. Gould—Elders.

Absent—William Mulford, Alvan Wilcox  
& Zadock Brown—Elders.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session, that on the Lord's day April 7th 1816, John J. Colt, and Enos Lyon, were received into the Church agreeable to their vote, at the last meeting.

Elizabeth, wife of John J. Colt, Jonathan D. Marvin & Cyprian Wilcox appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

The following persons applied for dismissals which were granted (viz.) Elder Zadock Brown & Phebe his wife, to join the Presbyterian Church in Orange—Elder William Mulford & Hannah his wife, Cornelius C. Jacobus and Mary his wife & Joseph Conckling, to join one of the Presbyterian Churches in the City of New York, where they now reside.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday Sept. 24th 1816. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

Present—Rev. Saml. Fisher—Mod  
John Gould, Saml. Colt  
& Alvan Wilcox—Elders.

Absent—Oshea Wilder.

The Session being opened with prayer the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Wilcox rendered his reasons for absence from last meeting which, were sustained.

The Moderator informed the Session that on Lord's day July 7th 1816, Elizabeth, wife of John J. Colt, Jonathan D. Marvin & Cyprian Wilcox, were received into the Church, agreeable to their vote, at the last meeting. Also, that on the 8th of July last, he had dismissed John J. Colt & Elizabeth his wife, to join one of the churches in Pittsfield (Mass.) where they have removed.

Sarah, wife of Adam Moore, applied to the Session to be received as a member of this church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the Presbyterian Church in Ballyrony (Ireland). She having been particularly examined, as to her knowledge & Piety, the Session agreed to receive her.

Peter Colt appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this church. After a careful examination, as to

his knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel, & his acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive him.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Jan. 2nd 1817. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher, Mod.

John R. Gould, Saml. Colt,

& Oshea Wilder—Elders.

*Absent*—Alvan Wilcox.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Wilder rendered his reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Session, which were sustained.

The Moderator informed the Session that on Lord's day Oct. 6th 1816, Sarah wife of Adam Moore, & Peter Colt were received into the church, agreeable to their vote, at the last meeting.

Esther, wife of William Dickey, applied to the Session to be received, as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

The following minute of Presbytery was received & read : (viz.) "In Presbytery at Elizabethtown, Oct. 1st 1816, a minute was made, of which the following is a copy. viz :—The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of exercising a pastoral care over baptized children made the following report, which was adopted, (viz.) While our book of discipline requires baptized children to be examined as to their knowledge & piety, before they are admitted to sealing ordinances, it manifestly places them under the watch and care of the church, & directs that they be trained up, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The pastoral care which your committee recommend may be expressed in the following resolutions, which they beg leave to submit.

1. Resolved, that it be recommended to the different Sessions under the care of this Presbytery, to exercise a watch over professing parents, to see that they dedicate their children in baptism, that they pray with them, that they faithfully instruct, restrain and govern them, & keep them from improper company, & habits of dissipation, & that they put them under teachers, who will guard their moral and religious principles.

2. Resolved, that it be recommended to the different Sessions to visit & converse with the baptized children, admonish them of their standing and obligations, & examine them as to their religious knowledge, & frequently to collect, catechise & pray with them.



Ordered that the Stated Clerk transmit an attested copy of the above report to the several church Sessions under the care of this Presbytery."

Elizabethtown Oct. 2nd 1816.

Thomas Pirton,  
Stated Clerk."

Whereupon, Resolved,

1. That the minute from the Presbytery be entered upon the minutes of the Session.

Resolved—2. That, in the opinion of this Session, the attention which they are now paying to their communicants & baptized children, in compliance with the recommendation of the Presbytery, Oct. 5, 1814, is as far as practicable, a literal compliance with the foregoing recommendations.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday April 1st 1817. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher, Mod.

Samuel Colt, Oshea Wilder,

John R. Gould—Elders.

*Absent*—Alvan Wilcox—Elder.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

John Bresbuhl, & Mary, wife of William Berry, appeared before the Sessions and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Jonathan D. Marvin, being about to remove from this place, requested a dismission, with a view to connect himself with one of the churches of Tappan, where he expects to reside ; which was granted.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday July 30th 1817. 4 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Mod.

Samuel Colt & John R. Gould—Elders.

*Absent*—Oshea Wilder—Do.

Mr. Wilder having left Paterson & gone into the western country, & the time of his return being uncertain—the Moderator and two remaining Elders, considered themselves as virtually constituting the whole of the Session, now resident in Paterson, agreed to proceed to business. The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.



The Moderator informed the Session, that on the Lord's day April 6th 1817, John Bresbuhl & Mary, wife of William Berry, were received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at their last meeting. Also, that he had, agreeable to a standing rule, dismissed Alvan Wilcox, & Patience his wife, with a view to their being connected with some church in North Carolina, where they are about to remove.

Gabriel T. Conckling, Dorothy, wife of Edward Mitchel, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Coon, Catharine, wife of John Rutan, Anna Coon, Jane Parke, and Leah, wife of Anthony Lovine, appeared before the Session, & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the gospel, and their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Oct. 2nd 1817. 4 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Mod.

Saml. Colt, John R. Gould

and Oshea Wilder—Elders.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that on Lord's day August 3rd 1817 Gabriel T. Conckling, Dorothy, wife of Edward Mitchel, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Coon, Jane Parke, & Leah, wife of Anthony Levine, were received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

Eliza Cottle, wife of William Ferguson, Lydia, wife of Jacob Post, Rebecca Gould, Mary S. Gould, Sarah H. Gould, & Rachel Willis, appeared before the Session and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Stephen Dodd & Mehetable his wife, applied to the Session to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the Presbyterian Church in Mendham. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery of Rockaway, Oct. 9, 1817.

Thus far examined and approved.

William A. McDowell, Mod.

Tuesday Dec. 30th, 1817. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher, Mod.

Samuel Colt & John R. Gould—Elders.

*Absent*—Oshea Wilder—Elder.

Mr. Wilder having removed his residence to New York, the Session consider that there are virtually, but two Elders belonging to their body, though Mr. Wilder has not yet removed his relation from this Church.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read. The Moderator informed the Session that on Lord's day Oct. 5th, 1817, Eliza C., wife of William Ferguson, Lydia wife of Jacob Post, Rebecca Gould, Mary S. Gould, Sarah H. Gould & Rachel Willis were received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting. Also, that, on Nov. 3rd 1817, he had dismissed Cyprian Wilcox to connect himself with some church in the State of Georgia, where he now resides. And that on the 1st of Dec. Inst. he had dismissed the Widow Mary Eagles, & Charity, wife of William Eagles, to join the Presbyterian Church in Rockaway.

Munson Godwin appeared before Session & requested to be received into the fellowship and communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to his knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & his experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive him.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday April 6th 1818. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Modr.

Samuel Colt & John R. Gould—Elders.

*Absent*—Oshea Wilder—Elder.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session, that, on Lord's day January 14th, 1818, Munson Godwin was received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

Hugh Menish, Mary wife of John McGee, Hellen, wife of Daniel F. Lockwood, Widow Nancy Walmsley, & Mary Speer, appeared before the Session and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Margaret wife of Robert McElhose, applied to the Session to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular stand-

ing with the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Newark. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday July 6th 1818. 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Mod.

Samuel Colt & John R. Gould—Elders.

*Absent*—Oshea Wilder—

The Session was opened with prayer.

The Moderator informed the Session that Hugh Manish, Mary wife of John Magee, Helen wife of Daniel F. Lockwood, Widow Nancy Walmsley & Polly Speer, were received into the church, Lord's day April 12th 1818, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting. John Breesbulh & Gabriel I. Conckling requested a dismission from this church, with a view to join in communion with the Methodist Church. These persons having been labored with, for some time past, in order to convince them of their error, & they still persisting in their request ; the Session agreed to grant them a dismission.

Jane Post, & Sarah, wife of George Van Bussum appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship and communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday 2nd Oct. 2 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Mod.

Samuel Colt & John R. Gould—Elders.

The Session was opened with prayer.

The Moderator informed the Session that, on Lord's day, July 12th, 1818, Jane Post & Sarah, wife of George Van Bussum, were received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting. Also, that July 10th, 1818, he had dismissed Oshea Wilder & Cornelia his wife, with a view to their joining the 2nd Presbyterian Church in New York.

Liger Murchant, Mary wife of William Thomson, & Ann, wife of James Brooks, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship and communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Thus far examined & approved in Presbytery at Elizabethtown Oct. 8th, 1818.

Henry Mills Mod.

Wednesday Jan. 6th 1819. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher, Mod.

John R. Gould & Saml. Colt—Elders.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that, on Lord's day October 4th 1818, Liger Murchant, Mary wife of William Thomson, & Ann, wife of James Brooks, were received into the Church agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

Elizabeth wife of Kennedy Boyd, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this church. After a careful examination as to her knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel & experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday April 2nd 1819. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould & Saml. Colt—Elders.

Began with prayer. The Moderator informed the Session, that on Lord's day Jan. 10th 1819, Elizabeth, wife of Kennedy Boyd, was received into the church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

William Larmour, James Stewart, John Benson, & Martha, wife of Aaron King, appeared before the Session, and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday July 6th 1819. 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould & Saml. Colt—Elders.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that on the Lord's day April 4th 1819, William Larmour, James Stewart, John Benson, & Martha, wife of

Aaron King, were received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

That on the 29th of April, 1819, he had dismissed Stephen Dodd & Metable his wife, to join the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Newark, where they now reside.

Lois, wife of William Silcock, applied to the Session to be received as a member of this church ; and produced a certificate of her regular standing with the Congregational Church in Long Meadow, Massachusetts ; whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

Widow Maria Van Winkle & Jane, wife of Robert Cunningham, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday September 28th 1819. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould & Samuel Colt—Elders.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that on Lord's day, July 11th 1819 Widow Maria Van Winkle, & Jane, wife of Robert Cunningham, were received into the church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

That he had dismissed Widow Nancy Wamsley, August 9th 1819, to join one of the churches in New York, where she now resides. Also, that August 20th 1819, he had dismissed James Stewart, who has returned to Ireland.

Concluded with prayer.

Thus far examined & approved by Presbytery at Chatham, October 6th, 1819.

John Ford,  
Moderator.

Friday, January 14th 1820. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Saml. Colt &  
Aaron King—Elders.

*Absent*—Caleb M. Godwin—Do.



The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

John Magee, Robert Sclater, Catharine, wife of James Boon, and Rebecca Avery, appeared before the Session, & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Catharine, wife of John Inslee applied to the Session to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the Presbyterian Church, in Rutger's street, New York, whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

The Moderator informed the Session that, due notice having been given, the male members of the Church met on the 1st of October last, & gave in their votes for one additional Deacon & two additional Elders. On counting the votes it appeared that Saml. Colt was chosen Deacon & Aaron King & Caleb M. Godwin were chosen Elders. The Moderator also informed the Session, that the above named persons were set apart to their respective offices, according to the Book of discipline, at the close of the sermon, Lord's day Oct. 3rd 1819.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday April 14th 1820. 4 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

Samuel Colt, Aaron King &

Caleb M. Godwin—Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould—Do.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Modr. informed the Session that John Magee, Robert Sclater, Catharine wife of James Boon, and Rebecca Avery, were received into the Church, Lord's day, Jany. 23rd 1820, agreeable to their vote at the last Session.

Lois, wife of William Silcock, being about to remove from this place, requested a dismission, with a view to join a church in Long Meadow (Mass.) where she expects to reside, which request was granted.

Elizabeth, wife of John Ray, appeared before the Session and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this church. After a careful examination as to her knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, and her experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive her.

Widow Ann McNiel applied to the Session to be received into this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the 2nd Pres-

byterian Church in Newark. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.  
Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday July 5th, 1820. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Saml. Colt, John R. Gould &

Caleb M. Godwin—Elders.

*Absent*—Aaron King—Do.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session, that on Lord's day April 16th 1820 Elizabeth wife of John Ray, was received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

Mrs. Eliza, wife of James W. King, applied to the Session to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the second Associate Reformed Church in the City of New York. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

James Hamilton & Elizabeth, his wife, & Grace, wife of James Close appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery at Paterson October 5th 1820.

Thus far examined & approved.

Sam. A. Cox, Mod.

Tuesday Dec. 26th 1820. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Samuel Colt, Aaron King & Caleb M. Godwin—Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting read. The Moderator informed the Session that James Hamilton & Elizabeth his wife, & Grace wife of James Close, were received into the Church, Lord's day July 9th 1820, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

Electa, wife of Robert King, from the Presbyterian Church in Hanover, Miss Catharine W. Colt, from the first Presbyterian Church in Newark, applied to be received as members of this Church, & produced certificates of their regular standing with the above named churches; whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.



Liger Murchant, at his own request, was dismissed from this Church, with a view to connect himself with the Presbyterian Church in Orange where he now resides.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday March 28th 1821. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Saml Colt, Aaron King,  
& Caleb M. Godwin—Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mrs. Janit McAllum, applied to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the Congregational Church in Rose street, New York. After some time spent in conversation with her, respecting her religious views & feelings, the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday June 27th 1821. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Saml. Colt, Caleb M.  
Godwin & Aaron King—Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Ella, wife of James McGlory, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of the Church. After a careful examination as to her knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel & her experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive her.

Mr. John Varick & Esther his wife, applied to the Session to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the Presbyterian Church in Hampstead, Rockland County, New York. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday June 29th 1821, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher, Mod

Saml. Colt, Aaron King & Caleb M.  
Godwin—Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould—Elder.

Sarah, wife of Jeremiah H. Pierson, of Ramapo works, New York, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & Communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to her

knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & her experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Sept 26th 1821. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment, & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Rev. Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Samuel Colt, Aaron King  
& Caleb M. Godwin—Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Moderator informed the Session that Ella, wife of James McGlory, & Sarah, wife of Jeremiah H. Pierson, were received into the church, Lord's day, July 1st 1821, agreeable to their vote at the last & preceeding meeting.

Whereas it is publicly reported that James Hamilton, a member of this Church, has on several occasions fallen into the sin of intemperance, therefore—

Resolved, that Aaron King & Caleb M. Godwin be a Committee to inquire into the truth of the matter, & report to the Session at their next meeting.

John Niesbit & Elizabeth his wife, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery at Westfield October 4th, 1821. Thus far examined & approved.

James Richards, Moderator.

Monday Nov. 12th, 1821. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Mod.

Samuel Colt, Aaron King &  
Caleb M. Godwin—Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould—Elder.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that on the 2nd of November, 1821, he had dismissed Eliza, wife of James W. King, in order that she might connect herself with the Church under the care of Dr. McCloud, in the City of New York. Also, that John Niesbit & Elizabeth his wife, were received into the Church, Lord's day, Sept. 30th 1821, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the case of James H - - - - -.\* reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them ; & finding the reports concerning Mr. H - - - - - to be true, that they had requested him to attend the present meeting of the Session.

Mr. H - - - - - appeared before the Session & acknowledged that he had fallen into the sin of intemperance. He professed unfeigned sorrow & contrition for his sin & a full determination to live a different life in future. After mature deliberation, the Session Resolved, That Mr. H - - - - - be required to make a publick confession of his sin before the Church.

Whereas it is publickly reported that John Mc - - -, a member of this Church, has fallen into the sin of intoxication, & that he has also been guilty of riotous & unchristian conduct, Therefore, Resolved, That Mr. Colt & Mr. King be a committee to converse with Mr. Mc - - -, & to ascertain whether the above report is correct.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday January 2nd 1822, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment and was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Aaron King  
& Caleb M. Godwin—Elders.

*Absent*—Saml. Colt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Modr. informed the Session, that, agreeable to their resolution at the last meeting, James H - - - - - made a publick confession before the Church, at their meeting on the 16th of Nov. last.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Session, to enquire into the case of John Mc - - -, not being prepared to report, Resolved, that they report at the next meeting of the Session.

Mrs. Susannah, wife of Stephen Waring, applied to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the Presbyterian Church in New Paltz, state of New York. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday April 3d 1822, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment, & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Saml Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Saml. Colt,  
Aaron King & Caleb M. Godwin—Elders.

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\*For obvious reasons, it has been deemed proper in printing these records to omit the names of the persons accused, and to substitute hyphens for the several letters of their names.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Margaret, wife of John Robinson, and Jane wife of Edo Van Winkle, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

James H - - - - -, having been requested by a member of the Session to attend the present meeting, appeared before the Session, & acknowledged that he had several times fallen into the sin of intemperance, since he made his publick confession in Nov. last.

After mature deliberation upon his case, the Session came to the following result.—Whereas James H - - - - - has been repeatedly guilty of the sin of intemperance, since he publickly confessed his sin, & solemnly promised repentance & reformation, And whereas, the Session are unable now to discover any satisfactory evidence of real penitence, or of a determination to avoid the use of intoxicating liquors in future:—Therefore, Resolved, That he be, & is hereby suspended, & cut off from the communion of this Church, until he give satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance, & a thorough reformation of life.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the case of John Mc - - -, reported that they had conversed with Mr. Mc - - - respecting the reports in circulation, against his Christian character, & had enquired of others respecting them ; but were unable to obtain any evidence which would be sufficient to substantiate the charges brought against him by common fame.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday July 5th 1822, 4 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher Mod.

Aaron King, John R. Gould,

Saml Colt & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Moderator informed the Session, that Margaret, wife of John Robinson, & Jane, wife of Edo Van Winkle, were received into the Church, Lord's day April 7th 1822, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting. Also, that on the 20th of June 1822, he had dismissed Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Coon, to join some church in the Northern part of the State of New York, where she has removed.

Jane, wife of Robert Paterson, & Mariah, wife of Thomas Rogers, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & Communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Sept. 25th 1822, 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Aaron King,

Caleb M. Godwin—Elders

*Absent*—Samuel Colt.—

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session, that, on Lord's day, July 7th 1822, Jane, wife of Robert Paterson, & Mariah wife of Thomas Rogers, were received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting. Also, that on the 16th of July 1822, he had dismissed Elizabeth, wife of James Hamilton, to join one of the Churches in the City of New York, where she now resides.

Jane, wife of William Larmour, Grace Howland, & Robert McElhose, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Ann, wife of Thomas Gardner, Miss Nancy Gardner, Mr. James Gardner & Mary his wife, applied to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the North Presbyterian Church of Hardiston. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Whereas it is publicly reported that Samuel Colt has several times fallen into the sin of intemperance—Resolved that Mr. Godwin & Mr. King be a Committee to examine into the truth of these reports, & to converse with Mr. Colt upon the subject, and report to the Session at their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery at Orange, Oct. 2nd 1822.

Thus far examined & approved.

Stephen Thompson, Mod.

Tuesday Dec. 10th 1822, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Rev. Samuel Fisher Mod.

Caleb M. Godwin, John R. Gould &

Aaron King—Elders.

The Moderator informed the Session that on Lord's Day Sept. 29, 1822, Jane, wife of William Larmour, Grace Howland, & Robert McElhose, were received into the Church, agreeable to their vote at the last meeting. Also, that on the 6th of Nov. he had dismissed Grace Howland, to join the church in Conway (Mass.) where she now resides.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Session, to

converse with Mr. Colt & to inquire into the reports in circulation unfavorable to his Christian character, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, & believing that the charges brought against him by common fame could be substantiated, had waited upon Mr. Colt & requested him to attend the present meeting of the Session.

Mr. Colt appeared in the Session agreeable to the request. After conversing with him for sometime upon the charges alledged against him; the Session adjourned, at the request of Mr. Colt, untill Monday evening Dec. 16th, to give him time to reflect upon the subject.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Dec. 13th 1822, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Aaron King  
& Cabel M. Godwin—Elders.

*Absent*—Samuel Colt.

Ann Wood from the Presbyterian Church in Newburgh & George Munro, from the Presbyterian Church in Cedar street in New York, applied to be received as members of this Church, & produced certificates of their regular standing with their respective churches. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Margaret, wife of John Degraw, Abigail, wife of John Linford, Margaret, wife of Richard C. Brower, Clementina Anderson, Margaret Courter, Anna Johnson, Elizabeth Degraw, Elizabeth Rippey, & Elizabeth D. Fisher, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel and their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday Dec. 16th 1822, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to adjournment, & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Mod.

John R. Gould, Caleb M. Godwin & Aaron King—Elders.

The minutes of the meeting on the 10th of December were read.

The case of Mr. Colt was resumed.

Mr. Colt appeared before the Session & acknowledged that he had on several occasions given way to an immoderate use of ardent Spirits, & that he had been guilty of unchaste conduct, highly unbecoming the character of a christian, & especially of an officer of Christ's Church. After deliberating upon the subject for sometime, the Session thought it best to suspend their decision upon the case till their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.



Friday Dec. 20th 1822, 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment and was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders.

*Absent*—Aaron King & Saml Colt.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read.

Elizabeth, wife of Josiah Crismon, Hannah, wife of William Nicoll, Martha, wife of Abraham Godwin, Jr., Ann Van Winkle, Lydia Freeland, Elizabeth Van Houten, Sally Dandy, Jane, wife of Mathew Rippey, Margaret Godwin, widow Mariah Van Houten, Esther, wife of Baltus Winters, & James B. Wilson, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

The case of Mr. Colt was resumed,—when, after solemn & prayerful deliberation, the Session came to the following result.—

Whereas, Samuel Colt, an Elder & Deacon in this church, has, upon his own confession, been convicted of an intemperate use of ardent Spirits, & of unchaste conduct—and whereas the circumstances of this case are of a highly aggravated nature; calculated deeply to wound the feelings of God's people, & to bring great dishonor upon the christian profession, Therefore,  
*Resolved* 1. That Samuel Colt be, & he is hereby, deposed from the office of Elder & Deacon.

*Resolved* 2. That he be, & he hereby is, suspended from the communion of this Church, until he give satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance, & a thorough reformation of life.

*Resolved* 3. That the forgoing minute, relating to the case of Mr. Colt, be read publickly to the Church at their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Dec. 25th 1822, 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment, & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould & Aaron King, Elders.

*Absent*—Caleb M. Godwin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

John Linford, Widow Mary Taggart, Elizabeth Van Riper, Elizabeth Willis, Mary Major, Jane Sheriden, Sarah Piercy, Mary Willey, Ann Rutan, & Phebe Evins, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination



as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Dec. 28th 1822, 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Caleb M. Godwin & Aaron King, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould.

Richard C. Brower, Elizabeth, wife of John W. Berry, and Mary, wife of Joseph Ferris, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, Jan. 3rd 1823. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment, & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King, Caleb M. Godwin, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould.

James Warren applied to the Session to be received into the communion of this Church, the produced a certificate of his regular standing with the Congregational Church in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Whereupon the Session agreed to receive him.

Martha Van Geisin & Ann Hughes, appeared before the Session, & requested to be received into the fellowship and communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday March 14th 1823. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read. The Moderator informed the Session that all persons whom they had agreed to receive, at their meetings of Dec. 15th 20th 25th & 28th & of Jan. 3d, except Mrs. Ferris, who was detained by sickness, were received into the Church, Lord's day Jan'y 5th 1823.

Elenor, wife of Wm. Clarke, Eliza, wife of Hugh Menish, Rose Ann

Clarke, & Richard Van Gieson, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to the knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday March 21st 1823. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Caleb M. Godwin, &  
Aaron King—Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Jane Anderson, Mary Ann Kelley, & Robert Huston, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday March 28th 1823. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Aaron King, Caleb M.  
Godwin, James Warren & John Benson, Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Moderator informed the Session, that, due notice having been given, the male members of the Church met on the 19th Instant, & gave in their votes for one additional Deacon & two additional Elders. When it appeared that Aaron King was chosen Deacon, & James Warren & John Benson were chosen Elders. The Moderator also informed the Session that the above named persons were set apart to their respective offices, according to the Book of discipline, Last Lord's day.

Widow Sarah Griffiths, Clarissa Crane, Ellen, wife of John Van Giesin, Margaret Van Saun, & Elizabeth Major, appeared before the Session and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday April 1st 1823. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Caleb M. Godwin, John R. Gould,  
Aaron King, John Bensen &  
James Warren, Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Abraham A. Sarvin, & Martha his wife, from the Reformed Church in Hamstead, Rockland County (N. Y.) requested to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the above named Church. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them. Orestes Moses appeared before the Session, & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to his knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive him.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday June 24th 1823. 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King, John Benson & Caleb M.  
Godwin.

*Absent*—John R. Gould & James Warren, Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session, that all the persons whom they had agreed to receive, at their meetings of March 14th 21st 28th & of April 1st, together with Mrs. Ferris, were received into the Church, Lord's day April 6th 1823, except Mrs. Van Giesin, who was detained at home by sickness. Also that May 11th 1823, he had dismissed Phebe, wife of Saml. Colt, to join the church in Rochester (N. Y.) whither she has removed.

Ann Duffey, Rosena Lake, & Esther Suydam, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday June 27th 1823 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment, & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John Bensen, Caleb M. Godwin, &  
James Warren.

*Absent*—John R. Gould, Aaron King—Elders.

Esther Hogan, Rachel Cook, Elizabeth Hughes, Eliza Van Winkle, & Mary Ann Frier, appeared before the Session, & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday July 3d 1823, 7 O'clock P. M. The

Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, John Benson, Aaron King.

*Absent*—Caleb M. Godwin & James Warren, Elders.

Widow Nancy Walmsley, who some time since received a Certificate, with a view to connect herself with some Church in New York, whither she had removed, but who, in consequence of her determination to return to Pater-son, had not joined any other Church, returned her certificate, & it was accepted by the Session. Jane Walmsley, from the Cedar street church in New York, James Anderson, from the first Presbyterian, & Mrs. Dorothy McLean, from the 8th Presbyterian Church, New York, & James Cuper, from the Reformed Dutch Church, Saddle river, requested to be received as members of this Church, & produced certificates of their regular standing with the above named churches, Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

James Struthers, Walter Degraw, Esther Rippey, Widow Rebecca Van Riper, Catharine Van Ness, Sarah Bowman, & Elizabeth Slingerland, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday August 28th 1823, 7 O'clock P. M. The

Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King, John Benson & James Warren, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read.

The Moderator informed Session that all the the persons whom they had agreed to receive, at their meetings of June 24th & 27th & of July 3d, together with Mrs. Van Giesin, were received into the Church, Lord's day

July 6th 1823, except Mrs. Van Riper, who was detained by sickness. Also, that on the 31st of July 1823, he had dismissed John Niesbit & Elizabeth, his wife, to join the Presbyterian Church at Greenwich, N. Y.

Whereas the Session have received information that James Love, a member of this Church, who removed from Paterson to New York several years ago, has connected himself with the Baptists. Therefore, resolved—That his name be discontinued in the list of communicants; & that he be considered as dismissed from his relation to this Church.

Whereas it is publicly reported that Richard Van G - - - -, a member of this Church, has on several occasions fallen into the sin of intemperance, & that he has on certain occasions made use of profane language.—Resolved—That Aaron King & Caleb M. Godwin be a committee to converse with Mr. Van G - - - -, & to enquire into the truth of the above reports; & if they find them correct, to request Mr. Van G - - - - to attend the next meeting of Session.

Adjourned to meet on the 25th inst. at 7 O'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday August 25th 1823, 7 o'clock P. M. The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Aaron King,

John Benson, & James Warren, Elders.

*Absent*—Mr. Godwin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The case of Mr. Van G - - - -, was taken up. Mr. King, one of the Committee appointed to enquire into the reports respecting Mr. Van G - - - -'s intemperance & unchristian conduct, reported, that, from inquiry he had reason to believe those reports founded in truth; & that he had conversed with Mr. Van G - - - -, who acknowledged in part, the charges alledged against him. Mr. King stated that he did not request Mr. Van G - - - - to attend the present meeting of the Session; not recollecting that the Committee were authorized to do it.

Resolved, that the same committee be continued, & that they request Mr. Van G - - - - to attend the next meeting of the Session.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 27th inst. at half past two O'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday August 27th 1823, half past 2 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment, & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, John Benson,  
Aaron King & James Warren, Elders.

*Absent*—Caleb M. Godwin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The case of Mr. Van G - - - - was resumed. Mr. Van G - - - - appeared before the Session & acknowledged that he had on several occasions given way to the immoderate use of ardent Spirits, by which he had become intoxicated, & thereby inflicted a deep wound upon the cause of Christ, & grieved the hearts of his people. Mr. Van G - - - - professed penitence for his sin, & a determination to live a different life in future.

After serious deliberation, on all the circumstances of Mr. Van G - - - -'s case, the Session came to the following result, (viz.) Whereas, Mr. Van G - - - - after having been privately conversed with, & warned, by members of the Session, has still persisted in the intoxicating use of ardent Spirits, thereby disregarding the counsels & admonitions of his brethren—Therefore, Resolved, that the honor of religion, & the welfare of the Church, require, that he be suspended, & he is hereby suspended from the communion of the Church, till he give satisfactory evidence of true penitence & a thorough reformation of life. Resolved, that the foregoing minute be read publicly, at the next meeting of the Church.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday Sept. 23d 1823, 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment and was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, James Warren, John  
Benson, & Caleb M. Godwin Elders.

*Absent*—Aaron King.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Rebecca, wife of Robert Huston, Ann Marsh, John Thomson, Thomas Weir, & James Bentley, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination, as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Adjourned to meet on Friday evening, the 26th instant.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday evening Sept. 26th 1823, 7 O'clock. The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, James Warren,  
John Benson, Elders.

*Absent*—Aaron King, Caleb M. Godwin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Alexander Paul & Nancy his wife, requested to be received as members of this church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the eighth Presbyterian Church of the City of New York. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Jane wife of Marcellis Van Geisin, Jane, wife of Ralph Van Houten, Margaret Garretson, Thomas Combs, & Lydia Jackson, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery at Chatham Oct 8th 1823.

Thus far examined & approved.

A. G. Fraser, Mod.

Friday Dec. 19th 1823, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Mod.

Aaron King, James Warren, John Benson.

*Absent*—John R. Gould & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Moderator informed the Session, that all the persons whom they agreed to receive at their meetings of September 23d & 26th, together with Mrs. Van Riper, were admitted into the Church Lord's day Oct 5th 1823.

Jane Van Giesin, Maria Romaine, Abraham Van Blarcom, & Henry Post, Jr., appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Dec. 26th 1823, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Aaron King & John Benson.

*Absent*—James Warren & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Jane Brooks, Hannah Van Houten, Sarah Bertholf, Hannah Spring, & Stephen Wood, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship and communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.



Wednesday Dec. 31st 1823, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King, Caleb M. Godwin & John Benson.

*Absent*—John R. Gould & James Warren, Elders.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Susan Steele appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to her knowledge & piety, the session agreed to receive her.

Elizabeth, wife of Conrad Watson, requested to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the North Presbyterian Church of Hardistan. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday January 19th 1824, 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Caleb M. Godwin, Aaron King,

James Warren & John Bensen, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons whom they had agreed to receive, at their meetings of Dec. 19th, 26th & 31st, were admitted into the Church Lord's day, January 4th 1824. Also that on the 18th Instant, he had dismissed Ann Duffey, to join the Presbyterian Church, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Philips, in the City of New York.

It is publicly reported that Lydia F - - - - -, a member of this Church, has been guilty of taking a gown from one of her sisters in the Lord, & unlawfully appropriating it to her own use :—& that when questioned upon the subject she has been tempted to falsify the truth,—& that, in other respects, she has conducted in an unchristian manner,—the Moderator stated to the Session, that he had called them together, at this time, that they might take the subject into their serious consideration, & judge what duty requires to be done in the case.

Miss F - - - - -, in compliance with a request from one of the members came before the Session & acknowledged that the above reports were substantially correct. She professed sincere penitence & contrition of heart on account of her sin ; & manifested her willingness to make a publick acknowledgment before the Church. A draft of a confession was then produced, which met the approbation of the Session. Whereupon,

Resolved, that in case Lydia F - - - - - make this confession before the Church at their meeting on Wednesday next, the Session will consider her as still retaining her regular standing with the Church.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday March 24th 1824, 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod

John R. Gould, Caleb M. Godwin,

Aaron King, John Bensen, Elders.

*Absent*—James Warren.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that Lydia F - - - - - had complied with the resolution of the Session at their last meeting. Also, that on the 10th of Feby 1824, he had dismissed Elizabeth Van Houten, to connect herself with one of the Churches of Christ in the Western part of the State of New York. And that on the 8th of March, instant, he had dismissed James Struthers to join the Presbyterian Church, under the Pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Philips of New York.

Mrs. Barbara, Wife of Joseph James, Margaret, wife of John T. Van Horne, William Woolsey, Sally Speer, Jane Gardiner, Thomas Henry, Moses Harrison, Pamela Marsh & Bridget, wife of Jacob Miller, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1824, 7 o'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King, John R. Gould,

Caleb M. Godwin & John Bensen, Elders.

*Absent*—James Warren.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Aleida, wife of S. E. Friesman, William Sterret, & John Montgomery, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

James Jenkins, & Sarah his wife, from the Reformed Dutch Church in Shannack, & Robert Redman, from the 2d Presbyterian Church, in Newark, requested to be received as members of the Church & produced certificates of their regular standing with their respective Churches. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday June 15th 1824, 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King & John Benson, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould, Caleb M. Godwin,  
& James Warren.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that he had called them together at this time, more particularly that they might consider & act upon the case of Margaret C - - - - , a member of this Church, who had been guilty of fornication. The Moderator stated that he had visited & conversed with her, at Caldwell, where she now resides :—that she freely acknowledged her guilt & manifested some degree of penitence. She stated that she would willingly come before the Session, if she was able ; but as she lived at a distance, & had a young child, it was not in her power to do it , & therefore, she desired the Session to take her case into consideration, & decide upon it, as though she were present.

After due deliberation the Session came to the following result (viz.) Whereas the case of Margaret C - - - - , is of an aggravated nature, inasmuch as it appears from the time of the birth of her child, that she went astray within a few weeks after she had solemnly dedicated herself to God, & joined in communion with his Church—Therefore, Resolved, that the honor of religion, & the prosperity of the cause of Christ in this place, requires that she be suspended, & she is hereby suspended from the communion of this Church, till by her future life she shall manifest the sincerity of her repentance. Resolved, that the foregoing minute be read publicly to the Church at their next meeting.

The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons, whom they agreed to receive, at their meetings of the 24th & 31st of March, were admitted into the Church, Lord's day April 4th 1824.

Also, that he had dismissed the following persons to join the Churches in the places where they have removed ; (viz.) Hannah Spring, May 1st & James B. Wilson, April 16th 1824.

Whereas it is reported that Thomas C - - - , a member of this Church, has been guilty of using profane language, & of violating the Sabbath ; Therefore, Resolved, that Messrs. Godwin & Benson be a Committee to enquire into the truth of these reports ; & also to converse with him on the subject.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday June 22nd 1824, 7 O'clock P.M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

John R. Gould, Aaron King.

John Benson & James Warren, Elders.

*Absent*—Caleb M. Godwin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The moderator informed the Session that on the 18th Instant, he had dismissed Orestes Moses, & Elizabeth, wife of Josiah Crismon; the former to join the Methodist, & the latter the Baptist Church, in this place.

Mr. Benson, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Session, to converse with Thomas C - - -, reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, & that he acknowledged to them that he had been guilty of misspending the Sabbath, & had also made use of profane language. He also stated to them that he was willing to come before the Session & confess his sin. Resolved, that Mr. Benson be a Committee to request him to meet the Session on Tuesday evening next, at 7 O'clock P. M.

Widow Sarah Marsh, Nancy, wife of Robert Smith, Rachel, wife of Simeon Clawson, & James Larkey, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

James Van Houten, & Cornelia, his wife, requested to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the Presbyterian Church in Wantage. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday June 29th 1824, 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King, John Benson & Caleb M.

Godwin, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould & James Warren.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Jane Sisco, James Burden, & Ann his wife, Jane Jeffrey, & Obadiah Gildersleeve, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

David Burnet, from the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York, John A. Johnes, from the Presbyterian Church in Wantage, Mrs. Jemima Ransier, & Rebecca, wife of John A. Johnes, from the Presbyterian Church in Newton (N. J.); Nesbit Taylor, & Eliza his wife, from the 2d

Presbyterian Church in Newark, requested to be received as members of this Church, and produced certificates of their regular standing with their respective Churches; Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

The Moderator informed the Session that, on the 25th instant, he dismissed Jane, wife of Robert Paterson, to join some church in upper Canady, where she now resides.

Mr. Benson, who was appointed to request Mr. C - - - to attend the present meeting of the Session, reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, but received no intimation from him that he would attend.

Thomas C - - - not appearing before the Session agreeably to request—Resolved—That he be regularly cited to appear before the Session, on the 9th of July next, at 7 O'clock P. M., at the house of the Moderator, to answer to the charges of Sabbath Breaking & profanity, brought against him by common fame, & which he has acknowledged to Messrs. Godwin & Benson, two members of the Session, to be substantially true. Mr. Bensen was appointed to deliver the citation.

Adjourned to meet at the house of the Moderator, on the 9th of July next, at 7 O'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday July 9th 1824, 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King & John Benson, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould, Caleb M. Godwin & James Warren,

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons whom they had agreed to receive, at their meetings of June 22d & 29th, were received into the Church, Lord's day July 4th 1824.

The Moderator also informed the Session that on the 30th of June, he had made out a regular citation for Thomas C - - - to appear at the present meeting of the Session, to answer to the charges of Sabbath breaking & profanity, brought against him by common fame, & he had also given him a list of the witnesses on whom they relied to substantiate the charges.

Mr. Bensen, who was appointed to deliver the citation, informed the Session that he had delivered the same to Thomas C - - - & informed him of its contents, & urged his attendance.

Thomas C - - - not appearing agreeably to the citation. Resolved—That he be again cited to appear before the Session; at the house of the Moderator, on Tuesday the 27th of July Instant, at 7 O'clock P. M. And that the Moderator inform him in the citation, that, in case he does not

attend, or give satisfactory reasons for not attending, the Session will proceed to take the testimony in his case, as though he was present, & also that they will suspend him for contumacy.

Meesrs. King & Godwin were appointed to deliver the citation.

Adjourned to meet at the house of the Moderator, on Tuesday the 27th Instant, at 7 O'clock P. M.

Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday August 21st 1824, 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Caleb M. Godwin & John Bensen, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould, Aaron King, & James & Warren.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that on the 15th of July 1824, he dismissed Obadiah Gildersleeve, to join some church in the State of New York, where he expects to reside.

In consequence of a special meeting of the Presbytery on the 27th of July, the day to which the Session stood adjourned, it was previously agreed by the members that the meeting be farther adjourned to this evening, the 21st of August; & Mr. Bensen was appointed to inform Thomas C - - - of the same, & also to inform him that the Session would then proceed to consider, & act upon his case, according to the notice given him, in the second citation. Upon enquiry it appeared that the second citation had been duly served. Mr. Bensen, who had been appointed for that purpose, informed the Session, that he had given Thomas C - - - timely notice of the present meeting.

Thomas C - - - did not appear.

Whereupon, after due deliberation upon the case, the Session came to the following result : (viz.) Whereas, Thomas C - - -, a member of this Church, has by his own confession to two members of this Session, been proved guilty of Sabbath breaking & profanity—And whereas, he has been twice regularly cited to appear before the Session to answer to the above charges ; & has neither regarded the citations, nor assigned any reason for his neglect,—Therefore—

Resolved, That Thomas C - - -, for his contumacy & unchristian conduct, be, & he hereby is, suspended, from the communion of this Church, until he give satisfactory evidence of true repentance.

Resolved—That the foregoing minute be read publicly to the Church, at their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.



Friday Sept. 24th 1824, 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King & John R. Gould, Elders.

*Absent*—James Warren, Caleb M. Godwin & John Bensen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. John Slingerland, Ruth, wife of John Bensen, & Sally Sloat, appeared before the Session, & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Widow Phebe Kelly, from the Presbyterian Church in Orange, & Mrs. Sally Wright, from the Presbyterian Church, in Florida (N. Y.) requested to be received as members of this Church, & produced certificates of their regular standing with their respective churches. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Sept. 30th 1824, 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

James Warren, Caleb M. Godwin,

Aaron King & John Bensen, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session, that on the 29th Instant he dismissed William Woolsey to join the Presbyterian Church under the care of the Rev. Mr. McCarty in the City of New York.

James Brooks, William Ellison, Ann Post, Elizabeth Pierson, Sarah Thomson, Catharine Van Blarcom, Eliza Steele, Agness Miller, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Jotham Richards, & Sarah his wife, from the 2d Church in Dedham (Mass.) requested to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with that Church. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery at Springfield, thus far examined & approved. October 7th 1824.

David Magie Mod.



Wednesday Dec. 22d 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment, & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod.

Aaron King & James Warren—Elders.

*Absent*—Caleb M. Godwin, John R. Gould & John Bensen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons whom they agreed to receive, at their meetings of Sept. 24th & 30th, were admitted into the Church, Lord's day Oct. 3d, 1824.

Also, that on the 14th instant, he had dismissed Elizabeth Pierson, now wife of Eleazer Lord, to join the Presbyterian Church in Spring Street, New York.

Mary Garretson & Sophia Romine, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Dec. 29th 1824.--6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod. Caleb M. Godwin & Aaron King, Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould, James Warren & John Benson. The minutes of the last minutes were read.

Widow Catharine Van Winkle, John Rutherford, Ann H. Johnes, Rachel Redman, & Sophia Van Riper, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Mrs. Rebecca Shanks, from the Presbyterian Church in Watertown, State of New York, & Sally Manning from the Presbyterian Church in Chester, of the same state, requested to be received as members of this Church, & produced certificates of their regular standing with their respective Churches. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday March 18th 1835. 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod. Aaron King, John Benson, James Warren, & Caleb M. Godwin—Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould. The minutes of the last meeting were read,

The Moderator informed the Session that the all persons whom they had agreed to receive, at their meetings of Dec. 22d & 29th, were admitted into the Church, Lord's day Jan. 2d 1825 except Sophia Romine who was providentially detained.

James Smith, & Elizabeth his wife, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Whereas, Clarissa C - - -, a member of this Church, has for sometime past neglected the publick worship & ordinances of God's house,—Therefore Resolved, that Messrs. Warren & King be a committee to converse with her, & enquire into the cause of her neglect.—And that they report at the next meeting of the Session.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday March 29th 1825. 7 o'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod. Aaron King, Cabel M. Godwin, James Warren & John Bensen Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Allen Campbell & Mary his wife, Mary, wife of Wm. Mitchel, & Mary, wife of Patrick Magee appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

The Committee appointed to converse with Clarissa C - - -, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them. Miss C - - - acknowledged that she had neglected her duty, appeared to manifest penitence, and promised to be more attentive hereafter.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday June 29th 1825, 3 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod. John R. Gould, Aaron King, Caleb M. Godwin & John Bensen, Elders. *Absent*—James Warren. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons whom they had agreed to receive, at their meetings of March 18th & 29th, together with Sophia Romine, were admitted into the Church, Lord's day April 3d, 1825, except James Smith & his wife, who were Providentially detained.

Also, that, June 24th 1825, he dismissed Rebecca Avery, to join the church in Conway, Massachusetts, where she expects to reside.

Thomas Gardiner & Julia, wife of James Carpenter, requested to be received as members of this Church, & produced certificates of their regular standing with the North Presbyterian Church, Hardistan. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Garret Van Riper appeared before the Session and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to his knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive him.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Sept. 28th 1825, 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher Mod. John R. Gould, Aaron King, John Bensen & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders. *Absent*—James Warren. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that Garret Van Riper, whom they agreed to receive, at their last meeting, together with James Smith & Elizabeth his wife, were admitted into the Church Lord's day July 3d 1825.

Also, that July 22nd, 1825, he had dismissed William Larmour & Jane his wife, & Sept 14th 1825 Thomas Gardiner, Ann, his wife, & Nancy & Jane, his daughters, to join some church in the western part of New York state, where they have all removed.

Catharine, wife of Peter Sloat, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to her knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive her.

Amelia M., wife of James Warren, from the Presbyterian Church in Germantown (Penn.) James Nazaro, Maria his wife, & Jane Eliza, his daughter, from the Presbyterian Church in Murry street, New York, requested to be received as members of this Church, & produced certificates of their regular standing with their respective Churches. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Oct. 1st 1825, 7 O'clock P. M. The

Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher Mod. Aaron King, Caleb M. Godwin, & John Bensen, Elders. *Absent*—James Warren & John R. Gould. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Cornelia Van Riper, & Susan Rutan, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church.

After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery at Waterloo, October 25th 1825.

Thus far examined & approved.

BARNABAS KING, Mod.

Wednesday Dec. 14th 1825, 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher Mod. John R. Gould, Aaron King, Caleb M. Godwin & James Warren, Elders. *Absent*—John Bensen. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that the persons whom they had agreed to receive, at their meetings of Sept. 28th & Oct. 1st, were admitted into the Church, Lord's day Oct. 2d, 1825.

Also, that on the 22d of Nov. he dismissed Sally Dandy, to connect herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in this place ; & Thomas Weir, & Mrs. Rebecca Shanks, to join one of the Churches in New York, where they now reside.

Whereas Clarissa C - - - , a member of this Church, notwithstanding her professions of penitence on account of her disorderly walk, & the promise of amendment which she made to the Committee appointed by the Session in March last, to converse with her upon the subject ; has continued ever since, as is well known to the members of this Session, wholly to neglect the ordinances of the Lord's Supper, & has almost entirely withdrawn herself from the publick worship of God's house on the Sabbath ; & is charged by common fame, of conducting, in other respects, in a manner wholly unbecoming a professed follower of Christ. Therefore—

Resolved, that she be cited to appear before the Session, at the house of the Moderator, on Friday the 23d Instant, at 6 O'clock P. M. to answer to the following charges, brought against her by common fame—(viz)

*Charge I.* Covenant breaking, in neglecting the worship & ordinances of God's house.

*Charge II.* Disorderly and unchristian conduct.

*Specification 1.* Breach of the Sabbath, by riding for pleasure & amusement on God's holy day.

*Specification 2.* Conduct unbecoming a Christian & a professor of religion in spending an evening in dancing, at Gen. Godwin's Hotel, when the Lecture, preparatory to the administration of the Lord's Supper in April last, was held at the Church ; and that the Moderator issue a citation accordingly.

Resolved—That Messrs. King & Warren be a Committee to deliver the citation.

Whereas reports are in circulation unfavorable to the Christian character of John Magee, Therefore—

Resolved, That Messrs. Godwin & Bensen be a Committee to enquire as to the truth of those reports, & also to converse with Mr. Magee; and that they report the result of their inquiries at the next meeting of the Session. Adjourned to meet at the house of the Moderator on Friday the 23rd Inst. at 6 O'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Dec. 23d 1825, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher Mod. Aaron King, John Bensen, & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould & James Warren. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee appointed to deliver the citation to Miss C - - - , reported that they went with the citation to her father's house, & were there informed that Clarissa had left Paterson for the winter.

Resolved, that the proceedings in the case of Miss C - - - be deferred to some future opportunity.

The Committee appointed to converse with John Magee, & to enquire into the reports in circulation respecting him.—Reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, & that they had found nothing which required the farther attention of the Session at this time.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday Dec. 26th 1825, 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher Mod. John R. Gould, John Bensen, & James Warren, Elders. *Absent*—Caleb M. Godwin & Aaron King. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Rachel Ann Nazro, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of the Church. After a careful examination as to her knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive her.

John Hover & Susanna his wife, applied to the Session to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the 1st Presbyterian Church in Newton, (N. J.) Whereupon the Session agreed to received them.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday March 28th 1826. 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.  
*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod. John R. Gould, Caleb M. Godwin, Aaron King, John Bensen & James Warren, Elders. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that Rachel Ann Nazro was received into the Church, Lord's day Jan'y 1st 1826, agreeably to their vote at the last meeting. Also, that on the 7th Instant, he dismissed Janit McAllum to join one of the Churches in New York where she now resides. Mrs. Anna Johnson & Elizabeth Ransier, applied to the Session to be received as members of this Church, & produced a certificate of their regular standing with the 1st Presbyterian Church in Newton (N. J.) Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Patrick Magee, Evelina, wife of Caleb M. Godwin, & Garrabrant R. Van Houten, appeared before the Session, & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday July 12th 1826, 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer,  
*Present*—Samuel Fisher Mod. Caleb M. Godwin & Aaron King, Elders.  
*Absent*—John R. Gould, John Bensen & James Warren. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons whom they had agreed to receive at their last meeting, were admitted into the Church, Lord's day April 2d 1826. Also, that on the 11th Instant, he dismissed Mrs. Anna Johnson, John Hover & Susanna his wife, to join some church in the State of Ohio, where they are about to remove.

Nancy, wife of John Boyd, Widow Ellen McMuller, & Martha Van Ess, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety the Session agreed to receive them.

Jacob Catlin applied to the Session to be received as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of his regular standing with the first Congregational Church in New Marlborough (Mass.) Whereupon the Session agreed to receive him.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday July 24th 1826, 8 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.  
*Present*—Saml. Fisher Mod. Aaron King, James Warren & John Bensen,



Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould & Caleb M. Godwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that the persons whom they had agreed to receive at their last meeting, were admitted into the Church Lord's day July 16th 1826.

Whereas common fame charges Lydia H - - -, late Lydia F - - - - -, a member of this church, with the sin of unlawfully taking the property of another person, with the intention of appropriating it to her own use—Therefore—Resolved that she be cited to appear before the Session at the house of the Moderator, on Friday, the 4th of August next, at 8 O'clock P. M. to answer the foregoing charges.

Resolved, That the Moderator issue a citation accordingly, & furnish Mrs. H - - - with the names of the witnesses.

Resolved, that Messrs. Warren & King be a Committee to deliver the citation.

Adjourned to meet at the house of the Moderator on Friday the 4th of August next at 8 O'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Friday August 4th 1826, 8 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher, Mod. Caleb M. Godwin, Aaron King, John Bensen, Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould & James Warren. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session, that according to their resolution at the last meeting, he made out a written citation for Mrs. H - - -, with the names of the witnesses annexed. Mr. King, one of the Committee appointed to deliver the citation, informed the Session, that he in company with Dr. Warren, waited upon Mrs. H - - - in due season, read to her the citation, and left it in her possession.

Mrs. H - - - did not appear in obedience to the citation, delivered to her.

Whereupon Resolved, that she be again cited to appear before the Session at this place on Tuesday the 8th instant, at 8 o'clock P. M., & that Messrs. Warren & King deliver the citation & enquire the reason of her not attending the present meeting.

Adjourned to meet in this place, on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at 8 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, Aug. 8th 1826, 8 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. Aaron King, Jas. Warren & John Bensen, Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould & Caleb M. Godwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Dr. Warren, one of the Committee appointed to deliver a second citation to Mrs. H - - -, informed the Session that he went with the citation to



her usual place of residence, and there learned that Mrs. H - - - left Paterson at 8 O'clock on Friday last, the same day on which the Session met to attend to her case. And that, from all the circumstances attending her departure, it appeared manifest that she left the place with a view to avoid appearing before the Session.

Inasmuch as Mrs. H - - - has manifested a contumacious spirit in leaving the place without giving any notice to the Session of her intention, when it might have been done with the utmost convenience—Therefore, Resolved, That the Session will now proceed to consider her case.

Messrs. Warren & King, members of the Session, being severally called upon, they each of them testified that when they waited upon Mrs. H - - - & delivered to her the first citation, she acknowledged to them the fact that she had been guilty of antenuptial fornication ; & also that she did, on the 10th of July last, unlawfully take a certain Merino shawl which belonged to another person.

After due deliberation, the Session agreed to adopt the following preamble & resolutions (viz.)

Whereas Mrs. Lydia H - - -, a member of this Church, has by her own confession to two of the members of this Session, as they have testified, been convicted of the sin of antenuptial fornication ; & also of unlawfully taking the property of another person with a view to appropriating it to her own use ; and whereas she left the place a few hours before the time she ought, in obedience to the citation delivered to her, to have appeared before the Session, & under circumstances which clearly indicated a determination not to obey the citation :

Therefore, Resolved 1. That Mrs. Lydia H - - - be, & she hereby is suspended from the communion of this Church until she give satisfactory evidence of sincere repentance & a thorough reformation of life.

Resolved 2. That the foregoing minute be read publicly to the Church at their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, Sept 6th 1826, 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. Jas Warren, Aaron King, John Bensen & Caleb M. Godwin, *Absent*—John R. Gould. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that the minute respecting the suspension of Mrs. H - - -, was read publicly to the Church at their meeting on the 9th of August last.

Also that on the 10th Ult., he dismissed Mrs. Barbara, wife of Joseph James, Abraham A. Sarvin, & Martha, his wife, to join one of the churches

in the city of New York where they now reside. And that on the 2d Instant he dismissed Mrs. Sarah, wife of James Jenkins, to connect herself with the Methodist Episcopical Church in this place.

Miss Clarissa C - - - a member of this Church, appeared before the Session in obedience to a citation, which had been duly served, to answer to the charges brought against her by common fame, as recorded in the minute of Dec. 14, 1825. After the different items of charge had been read to her, Miss C - - - confessed to the Session that they were substantially correct. She stated that in consequence of what she considered ill treatment from some of the members of the Church, she had been led to violate her covenant vows, by neglecting for a long time past the worship & ordinances of God's house ; & that on several occasions she had violated the Sabbath by riding for amusement, that she attended the ball at Gen. Godwin's at the time referred to in the charge, and that her general course of life, latterly, had been such as to reflect dishonor upon the cause of Christ. The Session conversed freely with Miss C - - - for some time, upon her course of conduct & then requested her to retire. After deliberating upon her case, the Session agreed to adopt the following preamble & resolutions (viz.)

Whereas the unchristian conduct of Miss C - - - has not only wounded & grieved her brethren & sisters in the Lord, but brought great reproach upon the cause of Christ in view of the world, Therefore, Resolved--

1. That she be required to make a publick confession of her disorderly walk before the Church.

2. That the Moderator be requested to draw up a confession & submit it to the Session at their next meeting for their approbation.

Adjourned to meet at the Lecture Room, to morrow evening, after the close of the religious exercises.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday evening, Sept. 7th 1826. The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. *Present*— Saml. Fisher, Modr. Jas. Warren, John Bensen, & Aaron King, Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould, & Caleb M. Godwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator, according to request, submitted to the Session the draft of a confession, which being read, was approved by the Session. Whereupon it was resolved—That Clarissa C - - - be required to sign the said confession, & read it, or to be present when it shall be read, by a member of the Session, to the church at their meeting in the Lecture Room on Tuesday, the 12th Instant, at seven o'clock P. M. And in case Miss C - - - com-

plies with the foregoing resolution, Resolved, That she be considered as still retaining her regular standing with the Church. Messrs. Warren & King were appointed to wait upon Miss C - - - & make known to her the foregoing resolutions.

Concluded with Prayer.

In Presbytery at Bloomfield, October 5, 1826.  
Thus far examined & approved.

PHILIP C. HAY, Moderator.

Wednesday, Oct. 11th 1827. 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. Caleb M. Godwin & John Bensen, Elders.

*Absent*—John R. Gould, Jas. Warren Aaron King. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that Clarissa C - - - complied with the requisitions of the Session contained in the resolution, which they passed at their last meeting & made the confession prescribed, at the meeting of the church on Tuesday the 12th Ult. Also that on the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant he had dismissed John McGee to join the Reformed Presbyterian Church in this place.

Ellen Post, Robert Miller, Eliza, wife of Francis Van Blarcom. Thomas McFarland, & Ellisan, his wife, appeared before the Session and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, 1827, 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. John R. Gould & John Bensen, Elders. *Absent*—Aaron King, Jas. Warren & C. M. Godwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons whom they agreed to receive at their last meeting, were admitted into the church Lord's day Oct. 15th 1826.

Also that on the 21st of October 1826, he dismissed Abraham Van Blarcom, on the 30th of Oct. Henry H. Post, & Mariah his wife, on the 4th of Dec. James Lockey, & on the 22nd of Dec. William Sterret, to connect themselves with the Church of Christ in the places where they severally reside.

Dr. Hiram Bunce, requested to be received as a member of this church, and produced a certificate of his regular standing with the Presbyterian Church in Lamington. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive him,

Whereas Widow Esther S - - - - , a member of this church, is accused by common fame of having been guilty of the sin of fornication, & of conducting in other respects inconsistently with her christian profession, Therefore, Resolved, That Messrs. Godwin & King be a committee to visit Mrs. S - - - - , & enquire as to the truth of the above accusations, & report to the Session at their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, March 28th, 1827, 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Samuel Fisher, Modr. John R. Gould, C. M. Godwin, Aaron King, John Bensen, & Jas. Warren, Elders. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that on the 31st of Jany. 1827, he dismissed George Munro to join one of the churches in New York, where he now resides. And that on the 24th of Feby. he dismissed Eliza Steele to join the Methodist Episcopal Church in this place. And that on the 24th Instant he dismissed Mrs. Eliza C. Ferguson, wife of Wm. Ferguson to join one of the churches in New York, where they are about to remove.

The Committee appointed to converse with Mrs. S - - - - , informed the Session that shortly after their appointment she was taken sick, of which sickness she died on the 9th of February last.

John McAdam, Catharine, wife of William Dickey, Widow Eliza Earle, Catharine, wife of Daniel Sharpe, Joseph Smith, & William Mitchel, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship and communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety the Session agreed to receive them.

Richard Van Giesin, who by a decision of the Session, on the 27th of August, 1823, was suspended from the communion of the Church, appeared before the Session and requested to be restored to his standing in the Church. He professed sincere repentance for his past misconduct. He stated to the Session that he had for a long time past been enabled to abstain from all improper use of ardent spirits, & that it was his solemn determination, by the help of God's Grace, to avoid entirely the use of intoxicating liquors. After conversing sometime with Mr. Van Giesin, the Session resolved to postpone their decision upon his case untill their next meeting, that in the mean time they may make such enquiries respecting the walk of Mr. Van Giesin as shall enable them to come to an enlightened decision.

Whereas, Clarissa C - - - - , now the wife of John Ryerson, notwithstanding the publick profession of penitence for her sin, in neglecting to fulfill her covenant vows, which she made, on the 12th of Sept. last, has

for about five months past, entirely withdrawn herself from the worship & ordinances of God's house; Therefore, resolved that Messrs. Warren & King be a committee to converse with her upon the subject, & report to the Session at their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, June 20th, 1827. 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Saml Fisher, Modr. Aaron King, John Bensen, & James Warren, Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould, & Caleb M. Godwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons whom they agreed to receive at their last meeting, were admitted into the church Lord's day, April 1st, 1827. Also that on the 9th Instant, he dismissed James Brooks & Ann his wife, to join some Church in the State of New York, where God in his Providence may cast their lot.

Widow Margaret Getty, Catharine Finkey, & Polly Bowman, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive them.

The Committee appointed to converse with Mrs. Clarissa R - - - - - , informed the Session that circumstances had prevented them from attending to the duty assigned them.

Resolved, That the same committee be continued.

The case of Mr. Van Giesin was then taken up.

The Session conversed freely with Mr. Van Giesin, who was present, & being satisfied with his professions of penitence, & as to his reformation of life ; it was resolved, that he be, and he is hereby restored to his standing in the Church. Resolved that this decision be announced to Mr. Van Giesin in the presence of the Church, at their meeting on Wednesday evening next.

Whereas it is publicly reported that Mr. John Rutherford, a member of this church, is in the habit of using ardent spirits to excess ; Therefore, resolved that Messrs. Godwin & Bensen be a committee to enquire as to the truth of this report, and to converse with Mr. Rutherford, and that they report to the Session the result of the enquiries, at their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, June 28th 1827, 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. Jas. Warren, John Bensen, & Aaron King, Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould & Caleb M. Godwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that the minute respecting the restoration of Mr. Van Giesin was read to him in the presence of the Church at their meeting last evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hinchman & Apollos Ferris requested to be received as members of this church & produced certificates of their regular standing with the Presbyterian Church, in Amity, State of New York. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

The Committee appointed to converse with Mr. Rutherford were not prepared to report. Resolved that the same committee be continued.

The Committee appointed to converse with Mrs. Clarissa R - - - - - , reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them. Mrs. R - - - - - acknowledged that she had greatly neglected her duty, & manifested her regret at the course she had pursued, but stated in extenuation of her conduct, that her husband had objected to her attending meeting at the Presbyterian Church, & had insisted upon her going with him to the Episcopal church. She however stated to the Committee, that, from present appearances, she hoped and believed that his objections would be removed, & that she should be enabled to attend punctually to her duty. The above report was accepted.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, Sept. 24th, 1827. 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. Jas. Warren, John Bensen, Aaron King & C. M. Godwin. *Absent*—John R. Gould. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that all the persons whom they agreed to receive at their meeting on the 20th of June last, were admitted into the Church Lord's day, July 1st, 1827.

The Committee appointed to converse with Mr. Rutherford, reported that he had departed this life on the 16th of August last.

Elizabeth, wife of James Fields, appeared before the Session & requested to be received into the fellowship and communion of this church. After a careful examination as to her knowledge & piety, the Session agreed to receive her.

Concluded with prayer.

In Presbytery at Hanover, Oct. 3, 1827.

Thus far examined & approved.

P. KANOUSE, Moderator.

Saturday, Jan'y 5th, 1828. 6 O'clock

P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher Modr, John R. Gould, John Bensen, Jas.



Warren & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders. *Absent*—Aaron King. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that on the 28:h of Sept. 1827, he dismissed Mrs. Ellen Van Giesin to join the Presbyterian Church in Rochester, State of New York.

Silas Day & Mary his wife, from the Church in Newfoundland & Mrs. Rebecca Shanks from the First Presbyterian Church in New York, applied to the Session to be received as members of this church. & produced certificates of their regular standing with their respective Churches. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive them.

Whereas it is reported, by common fame that Robert McE - - - -, & Mrs. Sally B - - - -, members of this church, are guilty of an intemperate use of ardent spirits, Therefore, Resolved, that Mr. Bensen be appointed to visit Mr. McE - - - - & enquire as to the truth of the reports respecting him; & that Dr. Warren be appointed to attend the same duty respecting Mr. B - - - - -l, & that they report at the next meeting of the Session.

Mr. King was appointed to visit Mrs. Margaret Robinson, to enquire the reason why she neglects the worship & ordinances of God's house.

Adjourned to meet on Monday, the 21st Inst., at 6 O'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, Jany. 21st, 1828. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. John R. Gould, Aaron King, John Bensen, & C. M. Godwin, Elders. *Absent*—Jas. Warren. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. King, who was appointed to converse with Mrs. Robinson, respecting her neglect of public worship. reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him. Mrs. Robinson stated, that though she regretted much her neglect of the ordinances of God's house, yet having the care of a family of young children, & several boarders, and being destitute of help, it was not in her power to attend public worship. But inasmuch as Mrs. Robinson admitted that she had opened her store on the Sabbath, the Session felt it to be their duty to labor still farther with her, in order, if practicable, to convince her of the impropriety of her conduct. And the Moderator & Mr. King were appointed to converse farther with her upon the subject. Mr. Bensen who was appointed to converse with Mr. McE - - - - respecting the reports in circulation against him, reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him. Mr. McE - - - - acknowledged that he had been guilty of using ardent spirits to excess. Whereupon, it was resolved that Mr. Ben



sen be appointed to converse further with him upon the subject, & request him to attend the next meeting of the Session.

Dr. Warren being unable to attend the present meeting of the Session, informed the Moderator that he had conversed with Mrs. B - - - - - 1 respecting the reports of her intemperance, & that she informed him that there was no truth in the reports. But inasmuch as these reports are in general circulation, it was resolved that Mr. Godwin be appointed to make further enquiries, & endeavor to ascertain whether testimony of the fact of her intemperance can be obtained ; & report to the Session at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday the 27th Inst. at 6 O'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, Jany 27th, 1828. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. Jas. Warren, Aaron King, & John Bensen, Elders. *Absent*—John R. Gould & Caleb M. Godwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mr. McE - - - -, in compliance with the request of the Committee appointed to wait on him, appeared before the Session. He acknowledged that he had on several occasions made an improper use of ardent spirits, professed sincere penitence for his sin, & his determination, by divine assistance, entirely to reform. The Session conversed freely with Mr. McE - - - -, pointed out to him his danger, & solemnly admonished him, by prayer & watchfulness, to guard against being led astray in future.

After deliberation, the Session resolved, that, inasmuch as the fall of Mr. McE - - - - is not very extensively known, & as he has appeared to manifest a right spirit since they have been dealing with him, they will accept of his private confession.

The Committee appointed to converse further with Mrs. Robinson were not prepared to report. Resolved that they be continued.

Dr. Warren, who had been previously appointed to converse with Mrs. B - - - - - 1, & to enquire respecting the reports of her intemperance, informed the Session that since he conversed with Mrs. B - - - - - 1, he had made such enquiries as led him to believe that she was in the habit of frequently becoming intoxicated, & that the facts could be substantiated by sufficient testimony. Whereupon it was resolved that she be cited to appear before the Session at their next meeting to answer the charge of intemperance, brought against her by common fame ; & that the Moderator issue a citation accordingly.

Adjourned to meet on Friday, the 8th of Feby next, at 3 O'clock P. M.  
Concluded with prayer.

Friday, Feby 8th, 1828. 3 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. John R. Gould, Aaron King, John Bensen, Jas. Warren, Elders. *Absent*—Caleb M. Godwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Moderator informed the Session that agreeable to their resolution at the last meeting, he had issued a citation for Mrs. B - - - - - l to appear before the Session at their present meeting, & had delivered it to her himself in due season.

Mrs. B - - - - - l acknowledged to the Moderator that the reports respecting her intemperate use of ardent spirits were true, & stated to him that trouble had led her on several occasions to use them to intoxication, but she did not appear to manifest any feelings of penitence for her sin. She, however, promised that, in obedience to the citation, she would appear before the Session. Mrs. B - - - - - l did not appear.

Whereupon it was resolved that the Moderator cite her again to appear before the Session on Friday evening next at 6 O'clock P. M., at the house of the Moderator, & that Dr. Warren deliver the citation, & also enquire the reason of her not attending the present meeting.

Adjourned to meet in this place, on Friday next at 6 O'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, Feby. 15, 1828. 6 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to appointment & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. Aaron King, John Bensen, Jas. Warren, Caleb M. Godwin. *Absent*—John R. Gould. The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Dr. Warren informed the Session that he had visited Mrs. B - - - - - l, agreeable to the resolution of the session at their last meeting, & delivered to her the citation to appear before the Session at their present meeting. Mrs. B - - - - - l did not assign to him any satisfactory reason for not obeying the first citation.

Mrs. B - - - - - l did not appear. Whereupon it was resolved—1st. That, inasmuch as Mrs. B - - - - - l promised to attend the present meeting & may have been providentially detained, the Session will not now proceed to issue in her case, but will give her notice of the time of the next meeting, that if disposed, she may have opportunity to attend.

2d Resolved that the Session will meet on Wednesday, the 5th of March ensuing at 7 O'clock P. M. at the house of the Moderator; and that Mr. King inform Mrs. B - - - - - l of the time & place of meeting.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday March 5, 1828. 7 O'clock P. M. The Session met according to agreement & was opened with prayer. *Present*

—Saml. Fisher, Modr. Aaron King, John Bensen, Jas. Warren, John R. Gould, & Caleb M. Godwin, Elders. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. King informed the Session that he had informed Mrs. B - - - - - 1 of the present meeting. Mrs. B - - - - - 1 did not appear. Whereupon, after due deliberation, the following preamble & resolutions were unanimously adopted. (viz.) Whereas Mrs. Sally B - - - - - 1, a member of this church, has fully acknowledged the fact of her intemperance to two of the members of this Session, & whereas she has neglected to obey the citations to appear before the Session, which have been delivered to her; Therefore, Resolved 1st. That she be, & she hereby is suspended from the communion of this church untill she gives satisfactory evidence of true repentance & a thorough reformation.

2d Resolved that the proceedings of the Session in relation to Mrs. B - - - - - 1 be read to the Church at their next meeting.

Concluded with prayer.\*

March 20, 1829.

Whereas, Margaret R - - - - - n, a member of this church, has, for several years past, entirely neglected the worship & ordinances of God's house, notwithstanding the repeated private admonitions of the Session, by Committees appointed for that purpose, & whereas common fame accuses her of an improper use of ardent spirits, & also of selling ardent spirits on the Sabbath; Therefore, Resolved, That she be cited to appear before the Session, at the house of the Moderator, on Monday, the 30th Instant, at 3 O'clock P. M., to answer to the foregoing charges.

Whereas, Robert Mc E - - - - -, a member of this church, has for several months past entirely neglected the worship and ordinances of God's house, and is also accused by common fame of an excessive use of ardent spirits, notwithstanding the solemn promise which he made to the Session, that he would entirely reform, when he made to them his private confession. Therefore, Resolved, that he be cited to appear before the Session, at the above specified time & place, to answer to the foregoing charges.

Whereas James Cuper & Robert Sclater, members of this church, are accused by common fame of an excessive use of ardent spirits, & of having, at several different times, been intoxicated,—Therefore Resolved, That they also be cited to appear before the Session at the above specified time & place to answer to the foregoing charges.

Concluded with prayer.

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\* The minutes of Session to this point have been printed in full. Henceforth only extracts will be given.

Monday, March 30th, 1829. 3 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Robert S - - - - - appeared before the Session, & acknowledged that he had on several occasions used intoxicating liquors to excess. He manifested a penitent spirit & expressed his determination to refrain entirely from the use of ardent spirits in future. Inasmuch as this is the first time that Mr. S - - - - - has been called before the Session, & with the hope that he will be able to keep his resolution, & hereafter to adorn his christian profession, the Session, after solemnly admonishing him, resolved to accept his private acknowledgment.

James C - - - - - appeared before the Session, & acknowledged that he had used ardent spirits to excess, & that he had been intoxicated. Though he expressed a determination to be more guarded in future, yet he did not manifest a determination wholly to refrain from the use of intoxicating liquors; & though he stated that he was sorry for his sin, yet he did not exhibit to the Session any satisfactory evidence of real penitence.

Whereupon the Session, after due deliberation, adopted the following preamble and resolution (viz.)

Whereas, James C - - - - - r, on a former occasion appeared before the Session & acknowledged that he had been guilty of the sin of intemperance; & whereas upon his professing penitence & promising reformation, the Session, after solemnly admonishing him, agreed to accept his private confession, with the hope that he would keep his promise and amend his life; & whereas he has, by his own confession, been again convicted of the same degrading and soul destroying sin,—Therefore, Resolved that he be, & he hereby is suspended from the communion of this church untill he gives satisfactory evidence of sincere repentance & a thorough reformation of life.

Mrs. Margaret R - - - - - n appeared before the Session, & stated that, though she occasionally made use of ardent spirits, yet that she did not use them to excess. She also stated that for some time past, she had refrained from the practice of selling refreshments on the Sabbath. At the same time she acknowledged that for more than three years past, she had entirely neglected the worship and ordinances of God's house; but endeavored to justify her conduct by a variety of excuses, which were by no means satisfactory to the Session. Whereupon, after due deliberation, the Session adopted the following preamble & resolution (viz) Whereas, Mrs. Margaret R - - - - - n, by her own acknowledgment, has entirely neglected the worship & ordinances of God's house for more than three years past, notwithstanding she has been several times admonished of her neglect, by Committees of the Session appointed for that purpose; and whereas, in-

stead of manifesting penitence for her neglect, & a desire to attend to her duty, she endeavors to justify her conduct by excuses, which, in the opinion of the Session, are entirely unsatisfactory— Therefore, Resolved. That she be, and she hereby is, suspended from the communion of this church, untill she gives satisfactory evidence of sincere repentance & a thorough reformation of life.

Robert McE - - - - did not appear agreeable to the citation delivered to him. Whereupon it was resolved that he be again cited to appear before the Session, on Monday the 6th of April next, at 3 O'clock P. M., & Mr. King was appointed to deliver the citation.

Concluded with prayer.

April 6, 1829.—Robert McE - - - - appeared before the Session in obedience to the second citation delivered to him. He acknowledged that on several occasions he had fallen into the sin of intemperance, since he made his acknowledgment before the Session & promised reformation; & also that for several months past he had entirely neglected the worship of God's house. Still he professed his sorrow for his past misconduct, & promised, if God should spare him, that he would amend his life. Whereupon, the Session, after solemnly admonishing him, agreed to suspend for the present any further proceedings in the case of Mr. McE - - - - , in order to afford him another opportunity to test the strength and sincerity of his resolutions.

Resolved, that the minutes relating to the suspension of Mr. C - - - r and Mrs. R - - - - n, be read publicly to the church at their next meeting.

Monday, December 28, 1829.—Whereas, Mary B - - - - n, a member of this Church, is charged by common fame of Having been guilty of the sin of fornication,

Therefore Resolved, That she be cited to appear before the Session on tuesday the 12th of Jany 1830 at 6 O.Clock P. M. to answer to the above charge; and that Mr. Godwin be appointed to deliver the Citation.

Tuesday, Jany 12th, 1830.—Mr. Godwin informed the Session that he delivered a written Citation to Mary B - - - - n to appear before them at their present meeting. Miss B - - - - n did not appear.

Monday, Feby 8th, 1830.—Miss B - - - - n appeared before the Session and acknowledged that the charge brought against her by common fame, as stated in the preceding minute, was true. She acknowledged that, by her conduct, she had greatly dishonored her divine Master, & brought reproach upon her religious profession. She professed sincere repentance for her sin.

After mature deliberation, the Session adopted the following preamble & resolutions (viz.) Whereas, Mary B - - - - , by her lewd & unchristian

conduct, has greatly dishonored her religious profession, brought reproach upon the cause of Christ, and caused his religion to be evilly spoken of by the world; Therefore resolved, That, notwithstanding her acknowledgment & profession of penitence, the honor of religion requires that she be suspended from the communion of this church, untill she affords satisfactory evidence of the sincerity of her repentance.

Resolved, that the foregoing minute be read publicly to the Church at one of their meetings.

Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 1832, 7 O'clock P. M.

The Session met at the house of the Moderator & was opened with prayer. *Present*—Samuel Fisher, Modr. Caleb M. Godwin, John Bensen, & Chas. Hequembourg. *Absent*—Aaron King, John R. Gould, Jas. Nazro, & G. R. Van Houten. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Session having been informed by Mr. Godwin that, when he delivered the 2d citation to Mrs. Ann Canaan, she stated to him, that if the meeting was postponed till 7 O'clock in the evening she would endeavor to attend. Due notice having been given, the meeting was accordingly postponed, & the Session met at 7 O'clock, instead of 3 O'clock P. M., to which hour they had adjourned. After waiting a suitable time & Mrs. Canaan not appearing, the Session resolved to adjourn, to meet in this place on the 25th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M., in order to afford Mrs. Canaan another opportunity to appear before them, if she desires it; and Messrs. Godwin & Hequembourg were appointed to inform her of the meeting.

Whereas Robert H - - - n, a member of this church, is accused by common fame of the intemperate use of ardent spirits & also of using profane language,—Therefore, Resolved, that Messrs. Bensen & Van Houten be a committee to enquire into the matter, & endeavor to ascertain the facts of the case; & that they report to the Session at their next meeting.

Monday, Feb. 1st, 1832, 8 O'clock P. M.—Mr. H - - - n appeared before the Session, and acknowledged that he had, at times, made an improper use of ardent spirits. He also stated that, though he was not in the habit of using profane language, yet he admitted that while under the influence of passion he might have been guilty of it. He freely acknowledged that his conduct for sometime past had been inconsistent with his christian profession. He expressed penitence for his past misconduct, & stated to the Session that he had come to a full determination to change his course & live a new life. After conversing freely with him for sometime, & solemnly & affectionately admonishing him, Mr. H - - - n retired. The Session then proceeded to deliberate upon his case. After due consultation the Session agreed to suspend, for the present, their final decision in the case of Mr. H - - - n, in order to afford him a suitable opportunity to



prove the strength of his good resolutions. Mr. Bensen was appointed to converse further with Mr. H - - - n, & to inform him of the result of the deliberations of the Session.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1832. 3 O'clock P. M.—The Session proceeded to a consideration of the case of Robert H - - - n, which had been postponed for future consideration. After due deliberation, the Session agreed to adopt the following preamble & resolution (viz.) Whereas, Robert H - - - n, a member of this church, was, at the meeting of the Session on the first day of Feby last, convicted on his own confession of the intemperate use of ardent spirits, & of using profane language,—and Whereas, upon his promise of repentance & reformation, the Session agreed to suspend for a time their decision upon his case, in order to afford him opportunity to prove the strength of his good resolutions—and Whereas, the Session have from their own observation & from the declarations of other members of the church, obtained convincing evidence that he not only perseveres in the intemperate use of ardent spirits, but has also again been guilty of using profane language.

Therefore, Resolved 1. That the Session are now fully prepared to come to a decision in his case.

*Resolved* 2d, That Robert H - - - n be, & is hereby suspended from the communion of this Church, untill he give satisfactory evidence of sincere repentance & of a thorough reformation of life.

*Resolved* 3d That this minute be read publicly to the Church at their next meeting.

Whereas common fame accuses Henry H. L - - - - - k, a member of this church, of having been intoxicated on the evening of the first of October, & of unchristian conduct towards several of his neighbors—Therefore, Resolved, that Mr. Bensen & Mr. Van Houten be a committee to enquire into the circumstances of the case & to cite Mr. L - - - - - k to appear before the Session, at the house of the Moderator, on Friday the 2d of November next, at 3 O'clock P. M.

Whereas common fame charges Robert McE - - - - , a member of this church, with persisting in the intemperate use of ardent spirits, notwithstanding he has been twice admonished by the Session for his intemperance, & each time solemnly promised entirely to refrain from the use of ardent spirits—also of the neglect of the worship & ordinances of God's house; & with abusive conduct towards his family,—

Therefore, Resolved, That Mr. Godwin & Mr. Hequembourg be a committee to visit Mr. McE - - - - , & cite him to appear before the Session, at the house of the Moderator, on Friday the 2d day of Nov. next at 3 O'clock P. M.



Friday, Nov. 16th, 1832—3 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer.  
*Present*—Saml. Fisher, Modr. John R. Gould & Chas. Hequembourg,  
 Elders. *Absent*—Aaron King, Jas. Nazro, Caleb M. Godwin, Garabrant  
 R. Van Houten, & John Bensen.

The Moderator informed the Session that on the 3d of Nov. Instant, he dismissed Rebecca, wife of Robert Huston, to join one of the churches in the State of Virginia, where she has removed.

Mr. Hequembourg, from the Committee appointed to deliver the citation to Robert McE - - - - , informed the Session that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them, & that Mr. McE - - - - , at first said that he should not attend the Session, but afterwards promised that he would. He assigned as a reason why he had not attended the ordinances of God's house, that he had not paid up his pew rent, & said he never meant to attend untill that was paid. He also acknowledged that he had been in the constant habit of using intoxicating liquors, & had been intoxicated. Mr. McE - - - - did not appear. Whereupon it was resolved that he be again cited to appear before the Session on Wednesday, the 21st instant at 7 O'clock P. M. at the house of the Moderator, & that the Moderator inform him in the citation, that in case he does not then appear, the Session will proceed to issue in his case in his absence, & censure him for contumacy.

Mr. Hequembourg was appointed to deliver the citation.

Mr. Henry H. L - - - - k appeared before the Session in obedience to the citation delivered him. He acknowledged that he had been intoxicated, but professed sincere penitence for his sinful conduct, & declared his solemn resolution entirely to refrain from the use of ardent spirits in future. He solemnly declared that the reports respecting his unchristian conduct towards his neighbors were not founded in truth. After conversing with him for some time, & admonishing him to greater circumspection in his walk, it was agreed to take no further order upon his case at present, but give him opportunity to prove the strength of his resolutions of amendment.

Whereas it is reported that Patrick M - - - - , a member of this church, has been guilty of using ardent spirits to intoxication, therefore Resolved, that he be cited to appear before the Session on Wednesday, the 21st instant, to answer to the above charge brought against him by common fame. Mr. Godwin was appointed to deliver the citation.

Whereas, Garret Van Riper, a member of this church, has for some time past neglected the worship & ordinances of God's house, therefore Resolved, that Mr. Godwin & Mr. Hequembourg be a committee to converse with

him, & enquire into the reasons of his absence, & to report at the next meeting of the Session.

Wednesday, Nov. 21st, 1832, 7 O'clock P. M.

Patrick M - - - appeared before the Session & acknowledged that on a certain occasion, in the month of April last, he had been led to use ardent spirits to excess. He stated that he was conscious of the sin of his conduct, & regretted his folly in being thus led astray. He expressed sincere penitence & his full determination to be more watchful of himself in future. After conversing with Mr. M - - - for some time, & admonishing him of the dishonor done to the cause of Christ by his misconduct, the Session agreed to accept of his private acknowledgment.

Mr. Hequembourg, who was appointed to deliver the citation to Mr. McE - - - - , informed the Session that he had performed the duty assigned him. Mr. McE - - - - did not appear. After due deliberation, the Session agreed to adopt the following preamble & resolutions (viz.) Whereas Robert McE - - - - , a member of this church, has for some time past entirely neglected the worship & ordinances of God's house, as is fully known to the members of this Session, & when conversed with by a committee of the Session, could assign no justifiable reason for his conduct; & whereas he acknowledged to said committee that he continued to use, & some times to excess, ardent spirits, in violation of his solemn pledge to the Session, when before dealt with, that he would entirely refrain; & whereas having been twice cited to appear before the Session to answer to the foregoing charges, he has disregarded the citations & neglected to appear—Therefore Resolved 1.—That Robert McE - - - - be, & he hereby is suspended from the communion of this church untill he shall give satisfactory evidence of sincere repentance & a thorough reformation of life.

Resolved 2.—That this minute be read publicly to the Church at their next meeting.

The committee appointed to converse with Garret Van Riper not being prepared to report, it was resolved that they be continued, & report at the next meeting of the Session.

Jan. 2d 1833, 6 O'clock P. M.

Mr. Hequembourg, from the Committee appointed to converse with Garret Van Riper, informed the Session that he had performed the duty assigned him. Mr. Van Riper stated to him that he had neglected the worship & ordinances of God's house in consequence of difficulties which existed in his mind with respect to some of the members of the church. Whereupon it was resolved that he be cited to appear before the Session, at the house of the Moderator, on Tuesday the 15th Instant at 6 O'clock P.

M., to answer to the charge of covenant breaking, in neglecting the ordinances of God's house. Mr. Hequembourg was appointed to deliver the citation.

Whereas Moses Harrison, a member of this church, has of late frequently neglected the worship of God's house; & is accused by common fame of violating the Sabbath by riding & laboring on that day. Therefore Resolved, that he be cited to appear before the Session, at the house of the Moderator, on Tuesday the 15th Instant at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 O'clock P. M. to answer to the foregoing charges. Mr. Bensen was appointed to deliver the citation.

Jan. 15th, 1833, 6 O'clock P. M.

Mr. Hequembourg, who was appointed to deliver the citation to Garret Van Riper, informed the Session that he had performed the duty assigned him. Mr. Van Riper appeared before the Session in obedience to the citation. The Session had a free & full conversation with him respecting the ordinances of God's house. Mr. Van Riper stated that he had been led to absent himself from the church from what he supposed to be unkind treatment on the part of some of the members. But from the view he now had of the subject, he was convinced that his conduct had been wrong & unjustifiable, & that he was sorry for the course which he had pursued, & desired to return to his duty as a member of this church. After further conversation & prayer, the Session agreed to accept his private acknowledgment & give him opportunity to evince his sincerity by his future conduct.

Mr. Bensen, who was appointed to deliver the citation to Moses Harrison, informed the Session that he had performed the duty assigned him. Mr. Harrison did not appear. Whereupon it was resolved that Mr. Bensen be a committee to cite Mr. Harrison to appear before the Session on Tuesday the 22d Instant, at the house of the Moderator, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 O'clock P. M.

Tuesday, Jan. 29th, 1833, 7 O'clock P. M.

Mr. Harrison appeared before the Session in obedience to the citation delivered to him by Mr. Bensen. Having been called to attend the Court at Hackensack as a witness, he was unable to attend the last meeting of the Session. He stated to the Session that severe indisposition for many months past was the principal cause of his irregular attendance upon the ordinances of God's house. He acknowledged that, though he did not labour himself on the Sabbath, yet on several occasions he had been called upon by his employers to go to the shop & give directions to the hands employed, & that he had been induced to comply. He admitted that it was wrong & stated that he was resolved, by divine assistance, to resist any solicitations of the kind in future. After serious admonition & prayer, the Session agreed to accept his private acknowledgment.

Whereas Alexander Paul, a member of this church, has for some time past greatly neglected the ordinances of God's house, & is accused by common fame of sometimes spending the afternoon of the Sabbath with worldly company at taverns & other places of publick resort, & of attending to his worldly business & employing his workmen on the Lord's day, therefore resolved, that the Moderator request him to meet the Session at this place, on Tuesday, the 5th of Feb. next, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 O'clock P. M., that the Session may learn from him whether the foregoing charges are founded in truth.

Tuesday, Feby 5th 1833,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 O'clock P. M.

The Moderator informed the Session that he had requested Alexander Paul, by a written communication, to attend the present meeting of the Session. That Mr. Paul called on him on Monday & informed him that he was to leave Paterson this morning for the State of Georgia, where he expected to spend the remaining part of the winter, & should not be able to meet the Session according to their request. Some of the charges Mr. Paul denied, but admitted that he had occasionally employed his workmen on the Sabbath. He endeavored to justify his conduct in so doing, but his excuses were not at all satisfactory. As Mr. Paul has left town the further consideration of his case was postponed for the present.

Whereas Nancy A - - - n , now Mrs. W - - - - - t, has been guilty of the sin of Antenuptial fornication, Therefore Resolved, that she be cited to appear before the Session on Monday, the 11th Instant at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 O'clock P. M. at this place. The Moderator was requested to deliver the citation.

Monday, Feb. 11, 1833,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 O'clock P. M,

The Moderator informed the Session that he had visited Mrs. W - - - - - t according to appointment, but found her in circumstances, in consequence of sickness in her family, that rendered it impracticable for her to attend the meeting of the Session at this time. That he conversed freely with her respecting her fall. She expressed her willingness to appear before the Session if practicable. After due deliberation it was agreed, that, as the Christian walk of Mrs. W - - - - - t had ever been unexceptionable untill she was led astray by her present husband, & as she appeared truly penitent, the Moderator, together with Mr. Godwin & Mr. Hequembourg, be a committee to visit her & to receive her acknowledgment at her house, & to report to the Session at their next meeting.

Mr. Van Houten, through Mr. Bensen, informed the Session that he had delivered the citation to Margaret W - - - - - t according to appointment, that she could assign no satisfactory reason for not obeying the last citation, & gave him no encouragement that she would attend the present meeting.

After due deliberation, the Session agreed to adopt the following preamble & resolutions (viz.) Whereas Margaret W - - - - s, a member of this Church, has for a long time past, neglected the ordinances of God's house, notwithstanding she has been several times privately admonished by members of the Session, & urged to attend to her duty, & whereas her general course of life has been utterly inconsistent with her christian profession, & whereas she has been three times cited to appear before the Session & has entirely disregarded these citations,—Therefore Resolved 1.—That Margaret W - - - - s be & she hereby is suspended from the communion of this church, untill she gives satisfactory evidence of sincere repentance & a thorough reformation of life.

*Resolved 2.*—That the foregoing minute be read publicly to the church at their next meeting.

Oct. 28, 1833, 8 O'clock P. M.

Mr. Van Riper appeared before the Session in obedience to the 3rd citation. He acknowledged the fact that, notwithstanding the counsel & admonition of the Session when he was before them in Jany. last, & the encouragement he gave them of returning to his duty, he had continued to neglect the ordinances of God's house, & had lived in the violation of his solemn covenant engagements. When questioned respecting his unchristian conduct, he stated that he could not deny that, on a certain occasion he had united with a party in playing cards, but asserted that he had played only for amusement & not for money. He admitted also that he had at times rode out of town on the Sabbath to visit his friends. The Session conversed with him for sometime with a view to bringing him to a proper sense of his sin; but he appeared disposed to palliate his conduct & gave the Session no satisfactory evidence of true penitence for his unchristian course. Whereupon, the Session, after due deliberation & prayer, agreed to adopt the following resolutions (viz.)

1. Resolved that Garret Van Riper be & he hereby is suspended from the communion of this church, untill he shall give satisfactory evidence of sincere repentance.

2.—Resolved that the foregoing minute be read publicly to the church, at their next meeting.

Jan. 3, 1834, 8 O'clock P. M. On a request from the Singing Society that they might be permitted to use the Bass-viol in the church to assist the singing. Whereupon it was resolved that the request be granted; but that they be not permitted to introduce any other musical instrument without the consent of the Session previously obtained. Resolved that Mr. Chas. Hequembourg & Mr. Benjamin Crane be a committee to collect a list of tunes suitable to be sung in the church.

March 14, 1834.—The committee appointed to deliver the second citation to Mr. L - - - - - , reported that they had performed the duty assigned them. Mr. L - - - - - k appeared before the Session & acknowledged that he had been led astray by an improper use of intoxicating liquor. He expressed his regret at his conduct & his determination to avoid such conduct in future. After the Session had solemnly admonished him, & united in prayer, Mr. L - - - - - k retired.

After due deliberation, the Session in view of all the circumstances of the case, unanimously adopted the following resolution (viz) Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Session, the honor of religion & the good of Mr. L - - - - - k requires that he be suspended, & he hereby is suspended from the communion of this church for six months—that is, to the 14th of Sept. next, that he may have opportunity to prove the strength of his resolutions, & manifest a thorough reformation of life.

June 22, 1836.—John Inslee appeared before the Session, & stated that he had once been a member of the Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, but that he had greatly neglected his duties and violated his obligations,—that he had seen and felt the wickedness of his course, & now wished to return to his covenant engagements & be received under the watch & care of this church. After a careful examination as to his evidences of repentance & conversion to God, the Session voted to receive him on confession of his faith.

Jane Rippey presented a certificate of recommendation from a Presbyterian Church in Ireland, & requested admission into this church. After being examined as to her experimental piety, it was voted to receive her.

Monday evening, Nov. 14, 1836.—Session met at the house of D. Burnett—opened with prayer.

Present—Sylvester Eaton, Moderator.

Aaron King,	} Elders.
John Bensen,	
David Burnett,	

Absent—John R. Gould & C. M. Godwin.

The Moderator informed the Session that the persons proposed for admission to the church at the last communion, were present, and entered into the usual covenants.

Rev. S. Eaton having hitherto kept the Session Book, and being about to leave this place, David Burnett was appointed Clerk of Session.

The following persons were dismissed, at their own request, to join the First Free Independent Presbyterian church of Paterson:

Garrabrant R. Van Houten, (Elder)  
Sampson W. Buffum.



Rachel Rutan.  
 William Hugginson.  
 John Hartley.  
 Charlotte Hartley.  
 Eliza Benjamin.  
 Phebe Frances Bowen.  
 Sarah Gould.

James R. Thompson & Jane his wife, to join a church in Alexandria, D. C.

Thomas D. Candy, to a church in Philadelphia.

Charlotte Eaton, to a church in Poughkeepsie.

Nov. 24, 1837. Session met at the house of D. Burnett at 4 o'clock P. M. and opened with prayer.

Present—Rev. John F. Clark, Moderator.

Aaron King, John Bensen, David Burnett.

Absent—John R. Gould, Caleb M. Godwin, Elders.

After consultation it was Resolved, That it is expedient to divide the congregation into six districts, for the purpose of more convenient supervision and visitation.

The districts are as follows:

1st. All south of Ward street.

2d. Both sides of Ward street—west side of Main street from Ward to Congress—all the south side of Congress, and including the intermediate streets.

3d. North side of Congress st. from Prospect to Mill st.—through Mill to Boudinot—through Boudinot to Prospect—west side of Prospect to Congress, and including all within those limits.

4th. East side of Prospect st. from Congress to the river—down the river to the County bridge—west side of Park and Main streets to Congress—north side of Congress to Prospect, and including the intermediate streets.

5th. East side of Main street from Smith st. to Broadway—south side of Broadway east of Main St., including all south and east of those lines.

6th North side of Broadway east of Main st. east side of Parke st., including all in that angle, and all over the river.

The 1st district was assigned to Mr. Gould—2d to Mr. King—3d to Mr. Bensen—4th to Mr. Burnett—5th to Mr. Clark—6th to Mr. Godwin.

Concluded with prayer.

Dec. 29, 1837.

After consultation, it was deemed advisable and Resolved, That the Monthly Concert of Prayer for the conversion of the world be hereafter ob-



served by this church on the first Sabbath evening in each month, instead of the first Monday evening.

The arrangement of districts made on 24<sup>th</sup> November was so changed as to unite the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> under the care of Messrs. Gould and Bensen—the 2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> under Messrs. Godwin and King, and the 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> under Messrs. Clark and Burnett; and it was agreed to hold a general church meeting for prayer on the first Tuesday evening of each month, and three district prayer meetings on every other Tuesday evening.

*Feb. 2, 1838.*

Mrs. Grace C - - - , one of the members of this church, being accused by general rumour of the sin of habitual intoxication, it was

Resolved, That the Moderator and Mr. Aaron King be a committee to wait upon Mrs. C - - - , and make inquiry concerning said accusation.

Mr. Jacob Catlin, also a member of this church, having for a long time neglected his duties, and been guilty of a violation of his covenant

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Session be instructed to invite Mr. Catlin to meet the Session on Saturday evening the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., with a view to confer upon his case.

*Feb. 24, 1838.*

The absence from home of the Moderator having prevented a meeting according to adjournment, Session met this evening, and was opened with prayer.

Present—Rev. J. F. Clark, Moderator.

A. King, J. Bensen, D. Burnett, Elders.

Mr. Catlin, having been invited to meet the Session this evening, appeared, and, after friendly conference and admonition, manifested contrition for his misconduct and a disposition to return to the discharge of his Christian duties.

*March 9, 1838.*

Session met and was opened with prayer.

Present—Rev. J. F. Clark, Moderator.

Aaron King, John Bensen, and D. Burnett, Elders.

Absent—J. R. Gould, C. M. Godwin.

Dismissed Miss Lucy Thompson, to connect with Murray street church, N. York, and Miss Sarah Bentley, to any church of Christ, where Providence may appoint her residence.

Resolved, That John G. Van Houten, James McIlhose, Giles Van Ness, Mrs. Catharine Van Ness, and Miss Sarah Ellis, be severally cited to ap-

pear before Session two weeks from this evening, to answer to charges for breach of covenant engagements as members of this church.

*March 23, 1838.*—Mr. John G. Van Houten appeared in obedience to citation. He was informed that the principal charge against him was his neglect of public worship and ordinances of God's House. He alleged as a reason for his conduct in this respect, some difficulty between himself and one of the former Trustees of the church, and stated that he had endeavored to maintain a Christian character by a faithful observance of private duties and public worship in other churches. He further stated that he entertained no feelings of enmity towards any member of the church, nor the individual whom he had supposed had injured him. He had, however, contemplated connecting himself with another church, and desired a little time to determine whether he should do so, or return to his duty as a member of this church. Session agreed to comply with this request, and to suspend any further action upon the subject for the present.

The Moderator reported that Sarah Ellis had called upon him subsequently to her citation, and confessed that her conduct and conversation had been in some instances, indiscreet and unbecoming, and manifested a good degree of penitence; that after admonition and counsel she had solemnly promised to be more prudent and careful in the future. Session therefore agreed to drop her case for the present.

*March 29, 1838.*—Mr. Giles Van Ness appeared in obedience to citation, and offered excuses for himself and Mrs. Van Ness for not obeying the first citation, which were sustained, and stated also that Mrs. Van Ness was detained this evening by ill health. After a free and friendly conference with Mr. Van Ness in regard to his covenant engagements and Christian duties, and his expressing a willingness and determination to be more faithful hereafter, and his belief that Mrs. Van Ness would concur and co-operate with him—Session agreed to suspend any further proceedings in their case for the present.

Mr. King informed the Session that the two citations had been duly served upon Mr. James McIlhose. He did not appear, and Session, after due deliberation, came to the following decision:

Whereas James McIlhose has been twice regularly cited to appear before the Session to answer charges for breach of covenant engagements, and refused to appear, and it being known by members of Session that he has for a long time past neglected the duties which he solemnly promised to perform, and renounced the faith which he publicly professed when he entered into covenant with God and this church;

Therefore, Resolved, That James McIlhose, for his contumacy and unchristian conduct, be, and he hereby is, suspended from the communion

of this church, until he give satisfactory evidence of true repentance.

*Oct. 4, 1838*.—Mr. William M - - - - - appeared before Session in compliance with the request of their committee. Upon inquiry, he admitted that he had been frequently intoxicated within the past year. Mr. M - - - - - was then solemnly admonished by the pastor, and expressed deep regret for his conduct, and declared his resolution to abstain in the future from all intoxicating drinks. Session advised him not to participate in the approaching communion, and agreed to suspend any further action upon the matter, until time shall have tested the strength of Mr. M - - - - -'s resolution and the sincerity of his repentance.

*Jan. 3, 1839*.—On motion it was resolved, That Session recommend the introduction of the Assembly's Psalms and Hymns in the public worship of the congregation as a substitute for those hitherto used.

The following persons were respectively dismissed to join the 2d Presbyterian Church in this place:

*May 18, 1840*.—Mrs. Helen Ridgway, Samuel G. Wheeler, Mrs. Almira Wheeler, Lemuel Burr, Mrs. Theresa Burr.

*May 19, 1840*.—John Bensen, Aaron King, and Caleb M. Godwin, (elders)—Mrs. Maria Griffith, Mrs. Martha King, Mrs. Evelina Godwin, Miss Catharine Flood, Miss Eliza Ann Read, Miss Sophia Bensen.

*May 20, 1840*.—William Snow, Mrs. Clementine Force.

*May 22, 1840*.—Pliny Lawton and Mrs. Lucy Lawton his wife, Abraham Gould and Hannah Gould his wife.

*May 23, 1840*.—Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Jotham Richards, and Sarah Richards his wife, Mrs. Catharine Ward.

*June 2, 1840*.—Dismissed Mrs. Mary Coventry to join 2d Presbyterian Church, Paterson.

*July 14, 1840*.—Dismissed Mrs. Jane Van Houten to join 2d Presbyterian Church, Paterson.

*Aug. 20, 1840*.—Dismissed Christopher Brower and Elizabeth his wife, to join 2d Presbyterian Church, Paterson.

*Sept. 28, 1840*.—Dismissed Mr. John E. Van Winkle and Rebecca his wife, to join 2d Presbyterian Church, Paterson.

*Nov. 4, 1840*.—Dismissed Miss Emma Ridgway to join 2d Presbyterian Church in Paterson; also Mr. Aaron Post and Mary Ann his wife, and

*Nov. 5, 1840*.—Mrs. Ann Espie.

*Nov. 6, 1840*.—Mr. Hiram Hatheway and Mary his wife.

*March 30, 1841*.—Dismissed Mrs. Sarah Cluss to join 2d Presbyterian Church in this place.

*April 15, 1841.*

William McGee, having been sometime since licensed to preach the gos-

pel, has ceased to be under the watch and care of this church, and his name is accordingly removed from our list of communicants.

In Presbytery at Metuchen, thus far examined and approved, Oct. 6th, 1841, with the exception of a record which refers to the relation which a licentiate sustains to the church of which he is a member.

A. Henry Dumont.

Moderator.

*July 31, 1844.*

Session met at the house of D. Burnett at 8 o'clock P. M. and began with prayer.

Present—Rev. Wm. H. Hornblower, Moderator, and D. Burnett, elder. Also Mr. Jesse Talbot, who was an elder of the church from which he came to us, and having been duly elected and installed as an elder of this church, took his seat as a member of Session.

Absent—John R. Gould, elder.

*Sept. 18, 1844.*

Session met at the study of the pastor and opened with prayer.

Present, same as at last meeting.

The Moderator stated that Ellis E. C - - - - s, a member of this church, had been accused of improper and licentious familiarity with female children attending his school, that he had seen and conversed with Mr. C - - - - s upon the subject, that the present meeting was called to take the case into consideration, and that Mr. C - - - - s had agreed to meet the Session at this time, but that he was subsequently arrested and is now imprisoned on the same charge.

It was thereupon Resolved, That D. Burnett be appointed to confer with Mr. C - - - - s and request him to appoint some person to appear in his behalf (if he could not appear personally) before the next meeting of the Session; or otherwise to communicate his views to them in writing.

Mr. Burnett reported that he had visited Mrs. P - - - - - n according to appointment—that she admitted she had occasionally drank some ardent spirits, but not so much as to produce intoxication, and that she promised wholly to abstain from it in future, and to strive to conduct herself in a manner more becoming her Christian profession. Session thereupon concluded that it is unnecessary to take any further proceedings in her case at present.

*Oct. 30, 1844.*

Mr. Burnett reported that he had visited Mr. C - - - - s, according to appointment, who authorized him to say to the Session that he, Mr. C - - - - s, waived all formality, confessed himself guilty of the sin with

which he was charged, desired the Session in executing the discipline of the church to have a regard to his spiritual welfare, & besought an interest in the prayers of the members of the church.

Whereupon the Session Resolved, That whereas Ellis E. C - - - s, was guilty, by his own confession of the sin of licentiousness, he be suspended from the sacraments of the church, till he shall give satisfactory evidence of the sincerity of his repentance.

And that this sentence of suspension be communicated to the members of the church, by the pastor, at the next preparatory lecture to the Communion.

The Moderator reported that he was present at the last regular meeting of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, at Liberty Corner, that the subject of church extension, referred by the last General Assembly to the Presbytery, was referred by the Presbytery down to the church sessions.

Resolved, That having limited our collections to certain other benevolent objects, it is not in our power to contribute to this cause during the present year, but that we regard it with great interest & consider it deserving the future benevolence of the church.

In view of the low state of religion in our church, the Session Resolved, To appoint Friday the 8th of November, as a day of fasting, humiliation & prayer, on account of our sins & for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, and that there be a public prayer meeting in the morning of that day; and the regular service preparatory to the communion in the evening.

*Nov. 4, 1844.*

Session met according to adjournment & opened with prayer. \*

Present, Rev. Wm. H. Hornblower, Mod., Messrs. D. Burnett & J. Talbot, Elders. Absent Mr. J. R. Gould, Elder.

It appearing to the Session that Patrick McG - -, a member of this church, is publicly reported to be guilty of the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors, & that he has been kindly warned of his sin, without effect, by members of the church, it was Resolved, that the Moderator & Elder Burnett be a committee to wait upon Mr. McG - & converse with him upon the subject, & report the result at the next meeting of the Session.

*Dec. 17, 1844.* --The Committee appointed to visit Patrick McG - - reported that they had done so, when he confessed his guilt, appeared penitent, & signed a written promise to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors; notwithstanding this however, he has since indulged in the same vice, but insists on his sincere desire to reform. Whereupon it was resolved that the Committee be continued & Mr. Talbot be added to it, & that each member of this Committee consider it his duty to visit this erring brother, & converse & pray with him as often as may be.

The Session Resolved, that the new Hymn Book, authorized by the General Assembly of 1842, be hereafter used in the public services of our church, after due time shall be given to people to provide themselves with copies.

*Feb. 5, 1845.*—The Session agreed upon a plan by which collections for the usual charitable objects shall be made by private weekly subscriptions & not by the usual way of passing the box in church.

*Oct. 31, 1845.*—As the scheme of collections adopted by the Session in February last did not appear to be acceptable to the people, nor successful in its operations, it was resolved to abandon it, & to fix upon certain Sabbaths of the year as the regular times for the usual charitable collections. Moderator was appointed a Committee to designate the objects to which the church should hereafter be invited to contribute, & the times when such collections shall be taken, and report at next meeting.

*Nov. 5, 1845.*—The report in reference to charitable collections was accepted & adopted, and was as follows: That annual collections be made for the following objects sometime during the month specified, viz:

Board of Domestic Missions, in February.

Board of Education, in May.

Bible Society, in August.

Poor of the Congregation, in October.

Board of Foreign Missions, in December.

*Oct. 6, 1846.*—Upon motion it was agreed that the Session would establish a parochial school for the education of the baptized children of our church, and would proceed to elect a teacher, secure a room, & adopt rules.

*Nov. 2, 1848.*—Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present, Wm. H. Hornblower, Mod., and David Burnett, esq. Elder. Absent, J. R. Gould and Jesse Talbot, Elders. The Moderator & elder present, having taken into consideration the facts that Elder Gould has been for many years laid aside from the active duties of the eldership by the infirmities of his age, & that Elder Talbot is now detained in the City of New York by his business so much that he is rarely to be found in Paterson, on which accounts it has been impracticable to hold a meeting of the Session (for the last six months)—(to the serious detriment of the church), resolved, that they consider themselves a legal quorum for the transaction of business.

*Nov. 9, 1848.*—Session met according to adjournment and opened with prayer. Present as above.

The need of an increased eldership having been prayerfully considered, the following resolutions were adopted:



1. Resolved, That a meeting of the male members of the church be called on the 23<sup>d</sup> of November inst., (Thanksgiving Day) for the election of two additional elders.

2. Resolved, That the Session nominate for this office, John \* D. Lockwood and Wm. Dickey.

*Nov. 8, 1849.*—The Session having heard that Wm. Ray, a member of this church, has deserted his lawful wife, and left the town in company with another woman; and his present place of residence being unknown, and nothing having been heard from him in several months:—Resolved, That they would proceed to a trial of the case as though the accused party were present, and for that purpose would summon witnesses to appear before them on Thursday evening, November 23<sup>d</sup> next, and would adopt such discipline as the case may seem to require.

*Nov. 22, 1849.*—Session met according to adjournment. Present as above; opened with prayer. Mr. Patrick McG - - appeared, confessed that he was guilty of the crime of drunkenness, declared his penitence, his determination to reform, and his readiness to submit to the discipline of the church, but earnestly besought the Session to bear with him a few months longer, that the sincerity of his repentance might be manifest. After due consideration of the long standing of this case, the extreme lenity of the Session heretofore, and the repeated violation of his promise to the same effect as those which he now made; the Session Resolved, That Patrick McG - - be & is hereby suspended from the sealing ordinances of this church until such time as the sincerity of his repentance shall be made manifest by entire abstinence from intoxicating drinks; and the Moderator shall publish this sentence to the church.

The Moderator reported that the only witness in the case of Wm. Ray is Sarah Ray, his wife, and as she was unable to come out in the evening air, on account of feeble health, he had cited her to appear before the Session on the next Monday afternoon, provided the weather was pleasant.

Monday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, being an unpleasant day, the Session did not meet, and now met at the call of the Moderator, at the residence of Mrs. Ray, and proceeded to take the testimony of Mrs. Ray in the case of her husband, Mr. Ray.

The Moderator having first declared the solemnity of the case and the obligation of the witness to give a full and impartial statement of the facts so far as known to herself, she testified as follows:

In the middle of May, 1847, Wm. Ray, her husband, and herself left Paterson and went to reside in Richmond, Massachusetts. On Tuesday,

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\* An error for James D. Lockwood. It does not appear that the proposed election was held.



April 3d, 1849, he left her in that town and she has never heard from him since that time. On the same day, a woman residing in Richmond, left her husband, and was seen at the Rail Road Station at a place called the State Line, in company with a man who was supposed to be Mr. Ray, and that she also had never been heard from since that time.

While the witness herself was absent from Richmond some little time before this occurred, she having gone to Little Falls in this state to attend her sick and dying mother, the woman above referred to was often seen going in and coming out of Mr. Ray's house. This woman had twice before deserted her husband, and her relatives now believed that she had gone with Mr. Ray and declared that they knew this to be a fact.

The Session considered this evidence conclusive as to the fact that Wm. Ray had wilfully deserted his wife, resolved, That Wm. Ray be & is hereby excommunicated from this church for the violation of the marriage contract, and that the Moderator publish this sentence to the church.

*Aug. 4, 1853.*

A letter having been received from Absalom B. Woodruff, Esq., declaring his determination to withdraw from the membership of this church, but without specifying his reasons for wishing to do so; the Moderator stated that after receiving this letter, he had called upon Mr. Woodruff and ascertained that the chief cause of his writing said letter, was a change of views in reference to certain points of doctrine. Whereupon the Session

Resolved 1. That however conscientiously Mr. Woodruff may act in this matter, it having been decided by the General Assembly that "there is no constitutional or scriptural mode of separating members from the communion of the church, except by death, by dismission to join another church, or by discipline;" (vid. minutes of Gen. Assem. 1851, p. 32.) and again, "that no church Session has authority to dissolve the connection of a communicant with the church of Christ, except by excommunication, and that the Sessions of our churches are bound to proceed according to the directions given in our Book of Discipline, when they do excommunicate a member;" (vid. minutes of Gen. Assembly, 1851, p. 33), therefore, the Session are not at liberty to permit Mr. Woodruff to withdraw himself from the communion of this church by his own voluntary act, but must regard him as still under their watch, care and discipline.

Resolved 2. That Mr. Woodruff be invited to meet with the Session at the parsonage, on Wednesday evening of next week, August 10th, at 7½ o'clock, that they may confer together in reference to those points of doctrine, concerning which he has expressed or entertained serious doubts.

Resolved 3. That we express to Mr. Woodruff our continued regard and interest for him personally, and do earnestly commend him to the Spirit

of truth and grace, that he may be delivered from what we believe to be fatal delusion and heresy, and be instructed, edified, and sanctified by the true doctrine of Christ and Him Crucified.

Resolved 4. That a copy of the Minute and Resolutions in this case be put into the hands of Mr. Woodruff.

Elder Burnett was appointed to wait upon Mr. Woodruff and put a copy of the minute & resolutions, in this case, into his hands.

*Thursday evening, Aug. 11, 1853.*

Session met at the parsonage at the call of the Moderator. Present as above. Opened with prayer.

Elder Burnett reported that he had not been able to see Mr. Woodruff on account of the absence of that gentleman from the city. Mr. Burnett was requested to see him as soon as possible and ask him to appoint a time to meet the Session at his earliest convenience.

*Monday Morning, Sept. 19th, 1853.*

Session met at the parsonage, at the call of the Moderator. Present as above. Opened with prayer. A letter was received and read from Mr. Woodruff declining to meet the Session and setting forth those points of doctrine in reference to which he disagreed with our standards. The further consideration of the letter of Mr. Woodruff was postponed.

*Thursday evening, November 3, 1853.*

In the case of Mr. Woodruff Session resolved to cite him to appear before them on Monday, the 21st of November next, at 7½ o'clock P. M. at the parsonage, to answer to the charges following, namely:

I. In entertaining opinions in reference to the doctrine of justification by faith, which are erroneous and dangerous; the evidence of which appears in his letter to the Session of September 17<sup>th</sup> 1853.

II. In appearing to set at naught his covenant engagements and the authority of the church session, by professing to withdraw himself from the church, and the jurisdiction of its courts.

III. In having so far disregarded his relations to us as to present his child for baptism in a church of another denomination.

*Monday evening, November 21, 1853.*

Session met according to their own appointment. Present as above. A letter from Mr. A. B. Woodruff to this Session was presented and read—by which it appeared that Mr. Woodruff declined to appear before the Session on the ground that there was no dispute as to the facts on which the charges issued against him were based. In the opinion of the Session Mr. Woodruff's letter was virtually a confession in the premises and rendered it their duty to proceed at once to the exercise of discipline. Whereupon it was Resolved,

That A. B. Woodruff, Esq., shall be and hereby is suspended from the communion of this church until such time as he shall have given satisfactory evidence of his hearty repentance for his departure from the faith, and disorderly conduct.

While the Session have come to this conclusion, they consider it due to Mr. Woodruff to state on their minutes, that his course in this matter has been courteous towards themselves; and they do earnestly hope and pray that he may speedily be delivered from those erroneous views and perilous doubts, which threaten to make shipwreck of his faith.

Mr. Burnett was appointed to acquaint Mr. Woodruff with this decision.

*Feb. 1, 1854*

Mrs. Mary Simpson, formerly Mary Scofield, appeared in Session and stated that she was formerly a member of this church; that some years since she had joined the Shaking Quakers; but that she now was desirous of returning to the communion of this church. The Session not being satisfied of her intelligent perception and renunciation of the fanatical & heretical opinions of the sect with which she had been connected, postponed her request for future consideration.

*November 10, 1854.*

Session met according to adjournment. Present as above. Opened with prayer.

Mrs. Mary Simpson appeared before Session, and having been informed of the decision of Presbytery in her case, consented that the Moderator should make a full statement of her case, declare her conviction of her error, her penitence for it, and her earnest wish for the prayers of the church, prior to the administration of the Lord's Supper on the next Sunday. And thereupon Mrs. Mary Simpson was restored to the full communion of the church.

*November 27, 1855.*

After consultation the Session resolved to call a meeting of the members of the church to convene, on Friday evening, December 7th, immediately after the services preparatory to communion, to elect elders; and the Session further resolved to nominate the following as fit persons to serve the church in that capacity, namely, James D. Lockwood, Henry Clark, Andrew Derrom, Henry Muzzy and David Inglis.

*December 22, 1855.*

Session met at the parsonage at the call of the Moderator. Present as above. It appearing that James D. Lockwood, Henry Clark, Andrew Derrom, Henry Muzzy, Ralph P. Westervelt and David Inglis, had been unanimously chosen to the eldership by the members of this church, it was

Resolved, that the same should be solemnly ordained and installed into the office of the eldership, on Sunday morning, the thirtieth of December next following.

*December 3, 1856.*

On motion it was Resolved, That hereafter the collection taken at the administration of the Lord's Supper, shall be applied to the relief of poor communicants and to the defrayal of the expenses of the ordinance.

*May 19, 1857.*

The Moderator submitted a plan for dividing the congregation into Districts, each District to be under the especial superintendence of one elder. Its further consideration was postponed to the next meeting of the Session.

On motion it was Resolved, That we engage a Missionary to labor in Paterson for six months, with a view to church extension; and that the Moderator endeavor to find a suitable man for the work.

*December 11, 1857.*

Moderator informed the Session, that rumour accused Mrs. Mary Ann R - - h of having been again guilty of intemperance; that he had seen her & conversed with her on the subject; that he had requested her to meet the Session this evening, but she declared her inability to do so, and authorized him to inform the Session in her behalf, that she acknowledged the truth of the rumour, confessed her fault, was penitent & resolved to sin no more. The Session, after consultation, Resolved, That Mary Ann R - - h be and hereby is suspended from the communion of the church, till she shall have given satisfactory proof of her reformation and penitence. The Session further Resolved, in view of Mrs. R - - h's profession of penitence, that this suspension shall not be published unless Mrs. R - - h again brings scandal upon the church by a repetition of her sin.

*January 24, 1858.*

Moderator reported that in accordance with the resolution of Session passed in May last, he would designate Mr. Wm. C. Roberts, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Passaic and a member of the Senior class in Princeton Seminary, as a suitable person to be employed as a city missionary, if his services could be procured. Whereupon Session resolved to invite Mr. Roberts to accept this office from the first of May next, for six months, at a salary at the rate of eight hundred dollars a year. Moderator was appointed to confer with Mr. Roberts on this subject.

*March 4, 1858.*—The Session agreed, in view of the approaching communion and the evidence of God's special presence in our midst, to hold a prayer meeting in the Lecture Room every evening next week, except Friday, between the hours of 7 & 8 o'clock.

*March 11, 1858.*—The Session agreed to continue the prayer meetings next week on every evening, between the hours of 7½ and 8½ o'clock.

*June 7, 1858.*—Mrs. Jane Close, having been baptized in her infancy in the Roman Catholic Church, the Session resolved, that Mrs. Close should decide for herself whether she now receive the sacrament of Baptism or not.

*June 10, 1858.*—Jane Close appeared and signified her wish, after prayerful consideration of the subject, to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

*September 2, 1858.* Session resolved, after communion Sunday, that Divine service in the church should be held at 3 P. M., instead of 7½ P. M.

*March 13, 1861.*

Charles Sandford, a member of this church, and late President of the Cataract City Bank, appeared voluntarily before Session, and made a statement as to the failure of that Bank and the causes thereof, and confessed that he had been guilty of wrong in certain particulars.

The Session Resolved, That Mr. Sandford has laid himself open to censure and ought to be deeply humbled before God and men; and that the Session recognizes with pleasure a disposition on his part to acknowledge this, and do join with him in prayer that he may be forgiven of God and be enabled so to evince the sincerity of his penitence and the honesty of his purposes, as shall re-establish him in the confidence of the church and of the community.

The Session farther Resolved, That the case of Mr. Sandford be kept under advisement, until the charges made against him in the community either have been subjected to legal investigation or have ceased to be urged against him. \*

*June 13, 1861.*—Session agreed to change the time of the second service on Sunday from afternoon to evening.

*September 12, 1861.*—Session agreed to change the time of the second service on Sunday from the evening to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

*December 5, 1861.*—Moderator reported that he had dismissed, Nov. 8, 1861, William Nelson, Jane P. Nelson, the wife of William, Ann Nelson, and Elizabeth Nelson, the wife of Charles Henry Hall, to join the ——— church in Newark, New Jersey.

*June 11, 1863.*—On motion it was resolved that a collection be taken for the benefit of the Mission School of our city on the last Sunday of this month.

\* The Session minutes contain no further reference to this case. Mr. Sandford was indicted, convicted and sent to State prison, where he died.

*September 16, 1863.*—On motion, it was Resolved, That the Bible Class should meet on Tuesday evening, in place of the weekly lecture, and the pastor should preside at the prayer meeting on Friday evenings.

On motion, it was Resolved, that John W. Cortelyou should be nominated to active service as an Elder in this church.

*December 2, 1863.*—On motion it was Resolved, that Mr. Cortelyou should be installed as an elder of this church before the administration of the Lord's Supper on Sunday after next.

*June 10, 1864.*

Peter R. Westervelt appeared before Session, and presented a certificate of membership in the church of the 25th Regiment N. J. Volunteers, which church was dissolved when that Regiment was mustered out of service in June 1862, and after careful examination as to his knowledge and piety, was received into the full communion of this church.

Mary Kane, formerly Mary Hall, appeared before Session, and said that she had formerly been a member of the 1st Reformed Dutch Church of Paterson, but as her name is not to be found on the records of that church, the Consistory declined to give her a certificate of dismissal; she presented a certificate signed by Rev. Ebenezer Wiggins, D. D., a former pastor of that church, testifying that she did join that church during his ministry; the Session, after careful examination as to her knowledge and piety, received Mrs. Kane into the membership of this church.

*September 7, 1864.*—Elder Burnett offered his resignation as Treasurer of the Session, assigning as his reasons, the distance of his residence from the business part of the city, and his increasing years. His resignation was accepted and Elder Henry Clark was appointed in his place.

*December 6th, 1865.*—On motion, it was resolved, that donations for Paterson Orphan Asylum should be received on the next Sabbath.

*May 5, 1866.*—It was Resolved, that after next week the prayer meetings shall be held in the Lecture Room instead of at private houses.

*December 13, 1867.*—It was resolved, to appropriate last collection for Passaic Co. Bible Soc., to constitute Mrs. Matilda A. Hornblower and Mrs. Catbarine Clark, Life Members of the American Bible Society.

*June 12, 1868.*

It having pleased God to remove from his church on earth, a revered and beloved Elder of this church, therefore be it Resolved, that the following minute be entered on our Sessional Records:

David Inglis was born of very pious parents, July 26th, 1780, at Fernie parish, Moneymeal, Fifeshire, Scotland. He was ordained to the ruling-



eldership in Scotland nearly, if not quite, fifty years ago. Having come to this country with his family, he was received into the membership of this church, May 14th, 1854; and was installed a Ruling Elder of the same, December 30th, 1855. He continued in the active discharge of his duties as an Elder up to the day of his death, which occurred May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1868, just fourteen years to a day from the record of his membership.

Notwithstanding his advanced age, he enjoyed almost to the end of his life great vigor of body and mind. His last illness was severe and short; but was the occasion for the exercise and display of his Christian faith and holy submission to the will of God. He closed a long, serene and useful life in fulness of peace and assurance of hope.

We gratefully bear our testimony to his exemplary piety, cheerful disposition, Christian love and sympathy; to his untiring activity and industry; to his integrity and extraordinary purity of character; and to the fidelity with which he discharged the duties of the eldership in the Church of Christ.

We pray that this event may be sanctified to us as a Session and a church; we commend to God the children who have lost an honoured father; and we beseech the Saviour to sustain and comfort the venerable widow, who, after a happy marriage of fifty-eight years, is unexpectedly left to survive and mourn her devoted Christian husband.

It was further Resolved, That this minute be read to the communicants at the administration of the Lord's Supper next Sunday, and be published in "The Presbyterian."

*March 4, 1869.*—On motion it was Resolved that the Pastor give notice of the election of Elders and Deacons of this church, after the services preparatory to the Lord's Supper, on Friday evening of next week.

*March 11, 1869.*—On motion it was Resolved to nominate for Elders, Abraham Gould, and Henry A. Williams, and for Deacons, John O. Smith, Francisco Van Dyk and Charles Caulkins.\*

*March 3, 1870.*—The Moderator reported that at a meeting of the church convened in the Lecture Room, after preparatory lecture, according to notice previously given, an election of elders and deacons was held, on Friday evening March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1869, which resulted in the choice of Abraham Gould and Henry A. Williams for Elders, and John O. Smith, Francis C. Van Dyk and Charles Calkins for Deacons. On motion it was resolved, That these officers be ordained and installed at the regular service on next Sunday afternoon.

*March 10, 1870.*—Moderator reported that Abraham Gould and Henry A. Williams were ordained and installed elders of this church, on Sunday

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\* Charles H. Calkins.



last, March 6<sup>th</sup>. and at the same time John O. Smith, Francis C. Van Dyk and Charles H. Calkins were ordained deacons.

*April 12, 1870.*—A statement having been made that a debt of seventy five dollars, contracted for the Mission School in Division St., near Auburn, remained unpaid, it was Resolved, That a collection for this purpose be taken up in the church as soon as it well can be within the next three months.

The Deacons were requested to report at our next regular meeting some plan of systematic benevolence best adapted to our church and congregation.

*June 9, 1870.*—The Deacons made a report, recommending the adoption of what is called the Foundation Plan for collections, which was adopted.

*March 9, 1871.*—A letter was read, being an application for pecuniary relief, in behalf of the widow of Zadoc Brown, one of the original elders of this church, said widow being a second wife of Zadoc Brown, a member of the Episcopal Church and now residing in North Carolina. The matter was referred to Deacon Van Dyk with power to send her fifty dollars.

*August 10, 1871.*—The pastor announced that he had received a call from the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary to the chair of Sacred Rhetoric, Pastoral Theology and Church Government, in that institution.

After prayerful and affectionate consultation, it was agreed that the pastor should invite the congregation to meet in the church on Monday evening, August 21<sup>st</sup>, to take action in this matter.

\* Paterson, N. J., August 21, 1871.

Pursuant to notice from the pulpit, a meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of this city was held this evening to take action on the resignation of the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Hornblower. The meeting was called to order by Elder Henry Clark. Mr. H. A. Williams was chosen chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr. J. W. Cortelyou. On motion, William Nelson was elected secretary.

The chairman announced that he had a letter from the Pastor, which he handed to the Secretary, who read it.

The Chairman expressed the belief that whatever action would be taken in the matter would be taken by those present in the interest of the church and the cause all professed to love.

Judge Barkalow stated that he had been in consultation with some mem-

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\* The minutes of this meeting are not in the Session records; they are given here as transcribed (in November, 1892) from the original shorthand minutes of the Secretary.

bers of the church and with the Session, and had prepared a series of resolutions which he submitted to the meeting. He felt that we stood between two great dangers. First, that of considering our own feelings to the exclusion of the church and Dr. Hornblower. Second, to set aside too far, perhaps, the interests of this particular church and of ourselves. Therefore, he considered the cause was one properly subject to the action of others, the authorities of the church. \*

Elder Clark cheerfully agreed with the sentiments expressed in that resolution. He felt that even more could be said of the esteem felt by every member toward Dr. Hornblower. All felt sadly that we should come to this point of separating from our beloved Pastor. It seemed proper to leave the matter to Presbytery to settle.

Mr. Tuttle said that if he understood Dr. Hornblower aright on this subject yesterday, he had remarked that if this congregation could submit to him any argument showing or convincing him that he ought not to accept the call, he would gladly remain. Mr. Tuttle offered one argument, namely, a salary of \$5,000 yearly. It was a small enough salary for a man of Dr. Hornblower's age, position and ability. He thought that if Presbytery should not agree to dissolve the connection between him and the church, that the church should pledge itself to pay him a salary of \$5,000 yearly for the support of himself and family.

Elder Clark did not think it was in the mind of Dr. Hornblower to be dissatisfied with his compensation. In conversation he had expressed the idea that there was no inducement of salary that could lead him to change his mind.

Mr. Nelson spoke of the warm personal regard the members of the church has always felt toward Dr. Hornblower. He said it was sad to think that the time might be near at hand when we should no longer see that loved form in the pulpit and hear that earnest voice pleading with his people for their salvation.

Mr. Tasney asked, should Presbytery refuse to dissolve the relation, what then?

The Chairman—Then it would not be dissolved.

Mr. Tasney—In the event of his voice failing him, what then?

The Chairman—Try to restore it, sir.

Elder Henry Muzzy—Dr. Hornblower wishes the congregation to unite with him in asking Presbytery to dissolve this relation. The next question is, is it his duty to go? Could his field of operation be more extended? He thought perhaps it would be. We love him, he loves us.

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\*The resolutions provided for a committee to go before Presbytery and express the reluctance of the Church to part with Dr. Hornblower, but leaving the whole decision with Presbytery.

Major John Edwards—Dr. Hornblower's voice is better today than it was ten years ago. He didn't think he would leave the old church to preach in a new one, he would stay by the old spot.

Mr. George Townley—He should part with Dr. Hornblower very reluctantly. He liked nothing better than his preaching, but would agree to his request.

Mr. John Ramage—Dr. Hornblower and the church have been together twenty-five years. He had baptized the children, had married many, had performed the last rites over many. He was a man of great weight. We should use every possible means to keep him.

Col. Andrew Derrom—He thought the people had been too conservative. Opportunities to extend Presbyterianism had been neglected. He thought the salary ought to be raised. Journeymen carpenters received as much as our Pastor did. He would do all in his power to keep him.

Mr. John Ramage—If Dr. Hornblower consented to remain he should be told to go away for two months or more, and that the church would supply his place.

Mr. Tuttle—Since his suggestion had been favored by others he was emboldened to offer a motion. Something might occur between now and the meeting of Presbytery and cause a change in the position of affairs. He spoke strongly of the inadequate salary, and moved that it be raised to \$5,000 a year.

Mr. Coulsen—It was not a question of dollars, of big churches, of feelings; it was not necessary for anybody to say that Dr. Hornblower loves his people, nor that they love him. He did not like this form. Dr. Hornblower declared that he felt it his duty to go. The vocation he is called to fill is that of teaching others the importance of preaching. That is the reason why the man who has occupied that pulpit for twenty-five years thinks it his duty to go out west to teach. How much we felt, how many hearts are made sad, it would not be possible to tell. Silence is more expressive. The question is, however, whether he will do more to improve the church by teaching the sublime truths of Calvinism than he would by staying here and preaching for us. Let us let him go to this position of honor and renown which he will make renowned. He would guarantee that five men would pay five hundred dollars each to make the salary up to \$5,000, but he would not insult him by making him such an offer.

Col. Andrew Derrom—Agreed with Mr. Coulsen. The congregation should put their thoughts together and express their feelings. They should consult with their Pastor, present some proper inducement why he should remain. In his position he can be a teacher of our children, making preachers of the men in our congregation. Let a committee be appointed

to go before Presbytery. If we have enough reasons to present why he should remain, let us try it.

Mr. Tuttle withdrew his motion.

Mr. Coulsen—Let us pile up obstacles between us and this woful separation, but don't pile up dollars. Let us place the bodies of our wives and children and of ourselves in the way, but not dollars.

Elder Muzzy—It is not a question of dollars and cents, it is a question of what is our duty and Dr. Hornblower's duty in this matter.

A vote being taken on Judge Barkalow's resolutions, they were unanimously agreed to.

On motion, the chairman and Messrs. David Burnett and John O. Smith, were appointed Commissioners to Presbytery to represent the views of the Congregation on this matter.

Adjourned.

William Nelson, Secretary.

Thursday, Sept. 7, 1871, 8 P. M.

Session met in the Pastor's study at the call of the Moderator and opened with prayer.

Present, Moderator W. H. Hornblower, Elders Burnett, Clark, Muzzy and Westervelt. Absent, Elders Cortelyou, Lockwood, Derrom, Gould and Williams. Elder Cortelyou sent reasons for absence.

The Presbytery in Jersey City having on the 22nd day of August last, passed a resolution dissolving the present pastorship of this church on the first day of October next, the Session elected Elder David Burnett, Clerk of the Session, to take possession of the books of the church after the first day of October next.

*Oct. 1, 1871.*

Session met in the Lecture Room in pursuance to notice given by the Pastor in the afternoon. The relation of pastor and church having been formally dissolved, since this notice was given, at the close of the afternoon service, W. H. Hornblower was invited to act as Moderator, and opened with prayer. Present, Elders Cortelyou, Clark, Muzzy, Westervelt, Gould, Williams. Deacons J. O. Smith, Van Dyk. Absent, Elders Burnett, Lockwood, Derrom. Deacon Calkins.

Mr. Muzzy was appointed delegate to next meeting of Presbytery at Englewood, and Mr. Williams to the Synod of New Jersey at Bloomfield.

On motion it was Resolved, That Mr. Bell be authorized to pay back to any who have contributed to the Memorial Church Fund the sums so contributed, when the donors demand it.

Messrs. Williams, Van Dyk, Muzzy and Westervelt were appointed a Committee to supply the pulpit.

*December 16, 1871.*

Session met at the house of Elder Burnett.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all the members of the congregation be requested to meet on Thursday evening next, at half past seven o'clock, at the church, then and there, if it be agreeable to them, to proceed to the election of a Pastor for this congregation; and that notice of said meeting be given from the pulpit to-morrow.

Agreeable to the foregoing resolution, a meeting of the congregation was held on the 21st of Dec. 1871, Rev. I. B. Hopwood, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, presiding as Moderator and Wm. Nelson appointed Secretary, and by adjournment on the 28th of the same month & the 4th of January, 1872, at the latter meeting it was unanimously agreed to extend a call to the Rev. David Magie, D. D., of Penn Yan, N. Y., to become Pastor of this church.

\*Paterson, N. J., Dec. 21, 1871.

A meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was held this evening, in the church edifice, pursuant to an announcement made twice from the pulpit on Sunday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of taking action relative to the selection of a pastor of the church.

By request of the Session, the Rev. I. B. Hopwood, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, acted as Moderator of the meeting, which was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Stevenson, and the singing of the 137th Psalm, 2d part, after which the Moderator declared the meeting ready for business.

On motion, William Nelson was chosen Secretary of the meeting.

The Moderator announced that the purpose of the meeting was to see whether the congregation was ready to call a pastor.

He read from the Rules of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, the regulations for proceeding to choose a pastor, and made some general remarks on the subject. He also suggested that it would be well to decide who were qualified to vote on the question.

The Rev. Dr. Stevenson said the first question was, Do female members of the church vote? and the second was, Are those entitled to a vote who are not members, but who contribute?

Col. Andrew Derrom moved that all female members of the church be accorded the right to vote; also, all persons who pay pew rents.

Dr. Stevenson called for a division of the question.

Mr. Beach said the Supreme Court of New Jersey had affirmed the right

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of the supporters of the church to vote on questions affecting the church.

Judge David Burnett moved an amendment, "that none but pewholders be allowed to vote," which had always been the practice of the church.

Mr. Tuttle asked who would decide this motion?

The Moderator said all members of the congregation would have a right to vote on this question.

Mr. Tuttle raised the point of order that Judge Burnett's motion was a substitute and not an amendment.

The Moderator decided the point well taken.

Mr. Tuttle moved that the substitute be laid upon the table.

The question was called for, and a standing vote taken, when the motion to table the substitute was carried, 30 to 15.

The original motion of Col. Derrom—"that all members of the church, and all pewholders, be accorded the right to vote," was then called for, and was unanimously agreed to.

Senator H. A. Williams moved "that further proceedings in reference to the election of a pastor be postponed till one week from this evening," or till Thursday, 28th inst.

After some remarks by Messrs. Andrew Derrom, H. A. Williams, S. Tuttle, Benj. Salter, and Dr. Stevenson, the motion to postpone was agreed to.

Mr. Tuttle moved that the action of the meeting, declaring who should vote, and the time of the next meeting, be announced from the pulpit next Sunday morning and afternoon, 24th inst. Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the meeting adjourned, with prayer by the Moderator and the singing of the doxology by the congregation.

William Nelson,

Secretary.

\*Paterson, N. J., Dec. 28, 1871.

An adjourned meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was held this evening in the church edifice, the Rev. I. B. Hopwood, of the 2nd Presbyterian Church of this city, acting as Moderator, and William Nelson as Secretary.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the 378th hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Judge D. Burnett it was unanimously resolved to proceed to the election of a pastor.

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\*From the original minutes, prepared and written out at the time.



On motion of Mr. Clark it was unanimously agreed that the voting should be by ballot.

Mr. Wm. Crossett nominated the Rev. David Magie, of Penn Yan, N. Y., for the pastorate.

Mr. Clark nominated the Rev. Henry M. Booth, of Englewood, N. J.

Mr. Henry A. Williams stated that the Rev. Mr. Carlyle and the Rev. Wm. A. Holliday of Bethlehem, N. Y., were also named.

Mr. S. Tuttle nominated the Rev. Geo. S. Mott, of Flemington, N. J. After considerable discussion, a ballot was taken, which resulted as follows:

Henry M. Booth.....	66
Geo. S. Mott.....	10
David Magie .....	65
Wm. A. Holliday....	8
Studdiford. ....	2

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The point being raised, the Moderator decided that voting by proxy was not permissible.

A second ballot was taken, resulting thus :

Magie.....	76
Booth.....	63

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On motion of Mr. Nelson, it was resolved to postpone further action till Thursday night, Jan. 4, 1872.

Adjourned.

Wm. Nelson,  
Secretary

\* Paterson, N. J., January 4, 1872.

An adjourned meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of this city was held this evening in the church, the Rev. I. B. Hopwood, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, Moderator, and William Nelson, Secretary.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the 494th Hymn, and prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Moderator stated that he had been acquainted with the fact that there is a provision in the deed giving the property on which the church

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\*From the Secretary's original shorthand notes, transcribed in November, 1892.



is built, relative to, or making a condition as to who are entitled to vote in the calling of a pastor and for the election of trustees of this church. This provision provides that only pew holders are to vote at such elections, so that while the meeting had adopted what is the custom in the church at large, at the same time, unless the congregation was prepared to throw its property into litigation all that had been done in regard to voting would be null and void. "That question should come before you, and is before you. I should be glad to hear from the brethren."

At the request of Mr. Van Dyk the Secretary read the clause in the deed.

Mr. Beach moved that the resolution formerly adopted by this congregation, whereby all members of the church were permitted to vote, as well as pew holders, shall be rescinded.

Seconded by Mr. Clark.

Mr. Williams—If that resolution was illegal, there is no use in adopting this motion. If it was not legal it was an open question. This clause is only directory, and does not work forfeiture. I suggest that we vote as we did at the last meeting. That we all vote to indicate the choice of the congregation; when we come to vote for the selection of a pastor let only pewholders vote, but that they vote as directed by a majority of the whole. "That all vote pursuant to the resolution adopted; then the pewholders, under the provision of this deed, vote for the pastor, but certainly carry out the idea as expressed by the whole congregation."

Mr. Beach declined to accept the amendment. He urged the importance of carrying out the provision of the deed, as a matter of propriety, if not as a matter of law. There has never been but one provision (to wit in 1711) adopted by the Presbyterian Church as to the qualification of electors: "That none shall be allowed to vote for the calling of a minister but those that shall contribute for the maintenance of him, and that the major vote of those shall be determinative." In 1787 the provision practically as it now stands, was adopted as a part of the constitution of the church.

The point was raised—Who shall vote under that resolution?

The Moderator—The whole congregation under that resolution.

Mr. Williams thought the voting should be universal, as much as possible.

Mr. Salter—Knew nothing of the provision of the deed until last evening. Never saw it until to-day. Has favored the whole congregation voting for a pastor; the Board of Trustees of the church did not know of that provision; as a Trustee he felt bound to carry out that provision. We should honor and respect that provision of the deed, whether obligatory

upon us or not. He was not familiar with the legal points of the deed, but believed we should vote as required by it.

Mr. Clark—When the first meeting was called that clause was submitted to Mr. Williams; he thought it did not work a forfeiture, and he thought it better to have a large representation of voters. He looked at it a second time and still was of the same opinion. After the last meeting Dr. Hornblower had written to Mr. Williams expressing his surprise at our taking a whole evening to determine who were voters.

Mr. Ramage—Thought the clause was very plain, not a legal question at all, but one of common sense and honor.

Mr. Tuttle—Called for the reading of the deed again.

The Secretary read the whole deed.

The question then came up on the motion of Mr. Beach, to rescind the former resolution.

The Moderator decided that all allowed to vote under that resolution should have the right to vote on the motion to rescind.

A show of hands being taken, the Moderator was unable to decide. A standing vote being taken, Mr. Beach's motion was carried.

Moderator—If I had known of that provision I should certainly have recommended proceeding under it as a matter of propriety and safety. I would suggest that it would be highly proper and conciliatory if you will concede an expression of votes to the members of the church at large.

Mr. Williams—Moved that all be entitled to vote under the resolution rescinded, to indicate their choice of a pastor—that the voting for a pastor be by pew-holders only, with the understanding that they shall vote only in accordance with the expressed wish of the congregation.

At the suggestion of the Moderator, Mr. Williams omitted the obligation upon pewholders in voting for a pastor.

Mr. Stevenson moved that on taking the sense of the congregation as to their choice of pastor, we agree to elect legally the candidate who receives the majority of the votes in the congregation, as the choice of the congregation at large. "We hereby agree to elect as the pastor of this church that man receiving the largest number of votes of all the members and pewholders of the congregation combined."

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Muzzy insisted upon conforming to the provisions of the deed.

Mr. Tuttle thought a conciliatory resolution was of much importance. He thought it doubtful if any lawyer would insist that a failure to conform to the deed would work forfeiture. It would be unwise to force this thing through irrespective of the views of the members of the church. He thought it fair, conciliatory and kind, therefore, to favor this resolution.

Mr. Hobart moved that we proceed to take an informal ballot of the congregation as to their choice of a pastor, without any restriction as to voters. Which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Salter raised the point of order, whether any voting at the last meeting was binding?

Moderator—I presume not.

Mr. Salter suggested that the informal vote be by standing.

After some discussion concerning different candidates, the vote was taken with the following result :

Mr. Magie....	63
Mr. Booth.....	44
Mr. Mott.....	7
Mr. Holliday.....	1

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A second vote was called for, which being taken, resulted as follows:

Mr. Magie.....	69
Mr. Booth.....	46

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Mr. Tuttle—The congregation had come prepared to vote as formerly. He moved to adjourn to such time as might be thought best.

Mr. Salter advocated the withdrawal of the motion and hoped the congregation would unite in calling Mr. Magie.

Mr. Tuttle withdrew his motion.

Mr. Salter moved that another informal vote be taken and hoped that the friends of Mr. Booth would unite on Mr. Magie.

The Moderator appointed the Session as tellers.

Mr. Bell suggested that the number of the pew voted be marked on the ballot.

Mr. William L. Evans moved that the final vote be postponed until next week. Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Salter moved that the names of the pewholders be called and the members come forward as called and vote at the Secretary's table. Which was agreed to.

The vote of the pewholders being taken, it resulted as follows:

Magie.....	53
Booth.....	33½

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Mr. Henry Clark moved that the call to Mr. Magie be made **unanimous**.

Mr. Beach—This cannot be constitutionally done. It would be irregular.

The Moderator so decided.

Mr. Evans moved to postpone until next week.

Mr. Stevenson moved to adjourn for one month.

Mr. Williams moved as an amendment, to adjourn for one week. Which was not agreed to.

The motion to adjourn for one month was lost.

Mr. Williams moved as the sense of the congregation, that the call to Mr. Magie should be made unanimous.

The Moderator put Mr. Williams's motion as a test vote.

Mr. Nelson said the law had been conformed to, and there was no opposition to Mr. Williams's motion.

Mr. Beach coincided.

The Moderator advised the congregation to unite in favor of Mr. Magie. He expressed the belief that Mr. Booth would not accept a call. He trusted, from the spirit manifested throughout all the proceedings, and from the genuine piety of this church, that the meeting would see the way clear to decide unanimously in favor of this candidate.

He put the question by a rising vote, and thereupon the call to the Rev. David Magie was made unanimous.

Mr. Burnett moved that a committee of three be appointed to sign the call and to prosecute it, and named Messrs. Clark, Bentley and Van Dyk as such committee. Which was agreed to.

Mr. Clark moved that they allow the pastor a salary of \$2,500 a year, and the free use of the parsonage. Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the meeting adjourned, with prayer.

William Nelson,

Secretary.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 20, 1872.

Session met in the pastor's study at the call of the pastor elect, who was invited to preside over the meeting of the Session until his installation. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Present, Rev. David Magie, Mod. pro tem.

Elders—David Burnett.

John W. Cortelyou.

Henry Clark.

Henry Muzzy.

Ralph P. Westervelt.

Abram Gould.

Deacons—F. C. Van Dyk.  
John O. Smith.

Absent, Elders—Andrew Derrom.  
Henry A. Williams.

Deacon—[Charles H.] Calkins.

Elder Clark was appointed a delegate to the adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Hoboken on the 27th inst.

After a free consultation upon the religious interests of the church, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

David Magie, Mod. pro tem.

*March 7, 1872.*—Elders Clark and Westervelt were appointed with the Moderator a committee to examine Mr. C. E. Christie at his home on account of sickness, and if the way should prove clear to receive him into the communion of the Church, and on the coming Sabbath to administer to him in his home the Lord's Supper.

*March 9, 1872.*—The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Christie as to his knowledge and faith met in his rooms this afternoon, and admitted Charles Edward Christie, after due examination, to the sealing ordinances of the Lord's Supper.

*May 30, 1872.*—A communication was received from E. Theo. Bell with reference to sums of money remaining in his hands of the "Memorial Church Fund," amounting to \$233.24, which he had deposited in the name of the Church in the "Paterson Savings Institution." Whereupon it was resolved that the Session assume the care of the above fund and hereby relieve Mr. Bell of all further responsibility for the same. And that as far as it may be desired the money be returned to the donors.

*June 6, 1872.*—Mr. F. C. Van Dyk was appointed to notify the donors to the "Memorial Church Fund" that the several amounts of their subscriptions were at their disposal and that in the event of a failure to request the return of such amounts they would be appropriated at the discretion of the Session.

*February 27, 1873.*—Elder Clark resigned the charge of the Poor Fund of the Church, and Deacon Smith was appointed as the Treasurer in his place.

*June 23, 1873.*—After full discussion it was resolved that henceforth collections be taken in the Church every Sabbath as offerings to God, to be devoted with prayer to His service, and to be forwarded monthly to the Assembly's Committee of Benevolence and Finance.

*September 11, 1873.*—The action of an informal meeting in postponing a change in the method of our collections was duly confirmed.

H. A. Williams and Henry Clark were appointed a Committee to draft resolutions as the expression of the feelings of the Session upon the death of David Burnett.

September 12, 1873.

The following resolutions were submitted by the Committee appointed at the previous meeting and unanimously adopted.

Whereas, God in His all-wise providence has removed by death our brother, David Burnett, who has been a member of this Session for more than forty years, and who by his faithfulness in office, his amiability and kindness, and his becoming walk and conversation, has endeared himself to us all, Therefore—

Resolved: That while we bow with submission to an all-wise Providence in the removal of David Burnett, yet we feel we have lost a wise counselor, a kind friend, and a faithful fellow-laborer whose place cannot easily be filled.

Resolved: That we hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement, and trust that they with us will recognize that their and our loss is his eternal gain.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family and entered in full upon the records of the Session.

*March 3, 1874.*—It was resolved that at the Preparatory Lecture, preceding the Communion following the one now approaching, additions should be made to the Session by the election of new elders.

*March 6, 1874.*—Ida Amelia Cortelyou appeared before Session and was examined upon her religious experience. Whereupon it was resolved, owing to her age (she being only eleven years old), that she be taken under the care of the Session and if her mother shall deem it wise for her to come now to the Lord's Supper and shall so notify the Pastor, she shall be received at this Communion. Otherwise we deem it best for her to wait until the next communion.

[*March 8, 1874.*]—The Lord's Supper was duly celebrated, when those who had been received by the Session entered into Communion with the church. Ida A. Cortelyou was also received, her mother giving her approval of the step.

*May 26, 1874.*—The Session at a previous meeting having considered it advisable to increase the number of Ruling Elders in the Church, resolved that there shall be an addition of two to the present number; and that Francis C. Van Dyk and John Ramage be considered by the Session suitable persons for this office and that they shall be recommended to the Con-

gregation meeting at the time and place before specified for election, and that notice of such an election be given to the Congregation by the Pastor on the Sabbath preceding the Preparatory Lecture.

*June 12, 1874.*—According to the action of the Session and the announcement from the Pulpit on the preceding Sabbath, an election was held, after the preparatory Service, for elders of the Church. A vote was taken upon the number to be added, which resulted in adopting the recommendation of the Session that two elders should be elected. F. C. Van Dyk and John Ramage were then named as recommended to the Church by the Session for this office. No other nominations were made. The persons recommended were then elected without opposition to this office.

F. C. Van Dyk and John Ramage having been recommended to the Church by the Session were at the Preparatory Lecture after due notice duly elected to fill the office of Ruling Elder. On Sunday, June 21, 1874, they were ordained after the morning service to this office in the presence of the congregation.

*September 21st, 1874.*

Whereas on \_\_\_\_\_ the Session assumed the charge of the Mission School on Spring St., then completed and owned by the Trustees of this Church, and appointed one of its members, Abraham Gould, to act as their representative in its matters; it was resolved—

1. That in so doing the Session reserved to itself the right to appoint annually the officers of the school.

2. That in the exercise of this right they do now appoint

John Ramage, Superintendent.  
Hiram Hathaway, Vice- "  
Henry Muzzy, Secretary.  
Miss Jennie Redman, Treasurer.  
John Bowering and  
William Shorrock, Librarians.

3. That these officers shall serve for the term of one year.

F. C. Van Dyk was appointed in the name of the Session to ask Mr. J. H. Goetschius to assume the duty of leading the singing in the service in the Lecture Room.

The services heretofore conducted at the Mission Chapel were assumed by the Session, and it was resolved that a member of the Session should in regular order take charge of the service each Sabbath afternoon.

*December 18, 1874.*—It was resolved that Rev. W. H. Megie, of the Presbytery of Jersey City, be engaged for three months to labor in the Mission School connected with this church, and that he be paid for services rendered One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars.



*March 12, 1875.*—After reports of the work in the Mission Chapel, it was resolved that the Rev. W. H. Megie be engaged to labor in that field for another three months at the same rate of compensation and that Elders Ramage and Van Dyk be a Committee to devise and put into practice a method of raising what shall be needed to supplement his salary above the amount raised by the Sunday School.

*May 13th, 1875.*—After a general discussion of the Mission work of the Church it was resolved that for the present the efforts to continue a religious service with preaching in the Chapel on Sunday mornings be discontinued after the expiration of the period for which the labors of the Rev. W. H. Megie had been engaged, and that the Pastor be requested to notify Mr. Megie of this action.

August 30, 1875.

Abraham Gould was elected Treasurer in place of Henry Clark, deceased.

John Ramage was elected to have the care of the Communion Service and make all needful preparation for the Lord's Supper in place of Henry Clark deceased.

The following resolutions informally adopted and sent to the family of Henry Clark, were then formally adopted and ordered to be entered on the records.

Whereas, it has pleased God who has established His Church upon the earth and has appointed officers to guide and bless it, to remove by death, Henry Clark, who has been an Elder in this church for twenty years, and during a membership of almost forty years has with love, and zeal, and fidelity served the church by leading in the praises of God's people, by labor in the Sabbath School and as a Trustee,

Resolved, that we do humbly acknowledge God's righteous hand in this event, and give expression to the feelings of our hearts for the gift to this Church of a life so blameless, a counsel so discreet, and a service so faithful.

Resolved, that we express to the bereaved family our sympathy, and commit them to the consolation and grace of the Covenant God, praying that in the place of the father in the Church may be the children.

Resolved, that we put on our records these resolutions as a just tribute of respect and affection, and as an expression of our sense of the loss the Session and the Church have sustained.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

*December 7, 1875.*—The Pastor was appointed to write to the Rev. Mr. Shuler and engage him, if possible, to take charge of the services at the Mission for three months at the rate of compensation of Seventy Five Dollars a month.

*March 2, 1876.*

Mr. Ramage reported the action of the Trustees with regard to the enlargement of the Mission School building in appointing a Committee to secure a plan and to raise the money for the work. Whereupon the action of the Trustees was cordially endorsed by the Session.

It was resolved that "Gospel Hymns and Sacred Songs" be introduced in the evening services during the week.

The Pastor asked the Session to unite with him in inviting the former Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Hornblower, to preach the historical discourse recommended by the General Assembly, in which the facts concerning each Church shall be grouped and be preserved as records of interest to the whole Church. Whereupon it was resolved that Dr. Hornblower be requested to prepare such a discourse and deliver it at such time in July next as may suit his convenience.

The Rev. Mr. Shuler was not able to comply with the wishes of the Session and assume the temporary charge of the Mission.

The Lord's Supper was duly celebrated March 12, 1876, when those who had been received by the Session, with the exception of Sally L. D. Barnes, who was sick, entered publicly into Covenant with the Church. The Session formally sanctioned, at a meeting called after this service, the action of a Committee of the Session in receiving into the communion of the Church and administering to her the Lord's Supper, Agnes Forbes, wife of Henry, in her own house on her death-bed.

*March 28, 1876.*

The Pastor reported that the Rev. Mr. Megie, now preaching at Lake View, had made application to be put in charge of our Mission Work. Also that he had received a letter from the Rev. H. C. Granger, of Mill River, Mass., asking about the condition of this work. Whereupon it was resolved that the Pastor write to the Rev. H. C. Granger and make him an offer to preach in the Mission Building on Sunday afternoons and attend a service during the week, and visit in the neighborhood for the Summer months at the rate of Eight Hundred Dollars a year.

*June 1, 1876.*

A communication was received from the officers of the 2d Presbyterian Church returning their thanks for the use of our Church for their Sunday School, when they were not able to meet in their own building through the effects of the fire that threatened its total destruction. It was ordered that the fact of such communication should be entered on the minutes.

The pastor reported that Rev. Mr. Granger had declined the offer made to him to supply our Mission Chapel, and that in accordance with the understanding of the previous meeting and in private consultation with the

Superintendents of our Sunday Schools, he engaged Mr. Willard Scott for the Seminary vacation, a student in New York City, and that he was laboring successfully in the field.

*June 30, 1876.*

The pastor was requested on behalf of the Session and the Church to request Dr. Hornblower to furnish a copy of his historical sermon to be preached on July 2nd for publication

*September 26, 1876.*

The Session appointed as officers of the Mission School

John Ramage—Superintendent

Willard Scott—Vice “

William Cooke—Treasurer.

These officers were empowered to add to their number as they shall see expedient for raising or disbursing the funds necessary to carry on the Mission Work.

A communication addressed to F. C. Van Dyk, from J. O. Smith, was read, in which the facts concerning his trust of the poor fund were described. It was resolved that F. C. Van Dyk be appointed to see Mr. Smith, and to request him to continue in the exercise of this trust, but if he decline and declare that this communication was intended to be a resignation, his resignation be accepted, and Abraham Gould be appointed in his place to administer this fund.

As applications were made, not infrequently, for the use of our Church for other than distinctly religious purposes in connection with ordinary services, the following resolution was offered and was passed, Mr. Muzzy dissenting from the action and desiring to have his vote recorded:

In consideration of the condition upon which the grant of the land on which our church is erected, to wit: that it shall be used only for the preaching of the Gospel, as recognized by the Presbyterian Church, and for no other purpose—it is therefore considered inexpedient to permit the Church Edifice to be used for temperance meetings or temperance or other lectures unconnected with usual religious services.

A request from the Totowa M. E. Church for the use of our Lecture Room in order that a lecture for the benefit of their church might be delivered in it, was presented through Mr. Ramage. The subject was referred to John Ramage and F. C. Van Dyk with power.

*November 28, 1876.*—F. C. Van Dyk was appointed Sessional Committee on Systematic Beneficence as required by the action of the last General Assembly.

*March 1, 1877.*—John O. Smith having intimated through Mr. Van Dyk that his communication to the Session was intended to be a resignation

of his office, Abraham Gould has, in accordance with a previous resolution of the Session, assumed the care and distribution of the Church Funds for the relief of members who may need pecuniary help.

*March 5, 1877.*—It was moved and carried that the Session considered it advisable to change the hymn book now in use in the Church for one of more recent date and that the pastor and three elders be appointed to select and purchase a book for the use of the church.

*March 10, 1878.*—Session met pursuant to adjournment at the Mission Chapel at 4:30 P. M. There were present Rev. David Magie, Mod., with Elders Williams, Ramage, Muzzy, Westervelt, Gould and Van Dyk.

Abram Wanamaker.

John Milligan.

Joanna Millington, w. of Wm.

William Millington.

John Millington.

Mary Ann Sayles w. of Major.

Helen Maria Yarl w. of Charles.

Catharine Ann Gould.

Maria Francis w. of Alexander.

Agnes Wilson w. of John.

Thomas Nichols.

Jane Eliza Scofield.

Libbie Sayles.

Fannie Sayles and

Mary Jane Young appeared before Session and were examined as to their religious experience when having made a satisfactory profession of their faith they were received to the sealing ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The last three named were also received to the ordinance of Baptism.

*May 15, 1877.*—After consideration of our Mission Work and on report that Mr. Scott who preaches in our Mission Chapel might leave us on account of the tax of these labors on his time and strength; it was resolved that he be requested to remain in charge of our Mission Chapel at the present rate of compensation, five hundred dollars a year, it being understood that he be relieved from the Friday evening service.

*May 31, 1877.*—Mr. Ramage reported that in letters addressed to himself and the Pastor, Mr. Scott had resigned the charge of the Mission Chapel, the resignation to take effect after the second Sabbath in June. It was resolved that the resignation be accepted and that an effort be made to secure as soon as practicable some person to take charge of the services in the Chapel.

*November 27, 1877.*—It was resolved that, in consequence of the recent purchase of Hymn Books by the Congregation, the Session request the Trustees of the Church to purchase for use in the Lecture Room one hundred copies of "Hymns and Songs for Social and Sabbath Worship," and that Mr. Ramage be a Committee to present a copy of this Resolution to the Trustees.

*May 30, 1878.*—Elder Ramage having announced that he was soon to leave the City to take up his residence in Holyoke, Mass., and that he must therefore on his departure resign his charge of the Mission Chapel Sunday School, he was appointed with Mr. Van Dyk to confer with Mr. Eugene Stevenson with regard to his taking charge of the Sunday School, and if he decline, with any others they may see proper to take charge of the same.

*June 7, 1878.*—The pastor having announced that John E. Woodbridge, who had been in charge of our Mission Chapel, had been compelled to resign on account of his health, and that Rev. J. C. Wyckoff would accept the temporary charge of the Chapel, he was authorized to engage Rev. Mr. Wyckoff at the rate of \$500 a year.

The pastor having announced that Rev. Mr. Shaw of the 2nd Presbyterian Church was about to be absent from his pulpit for a term of ten weeks, it was resolved that the pastor be authorized to make an arrangement with the Rev. Mr. Shaw, by which his supply should preach in our Church during the vacation of the pastor each Sabbath evening, and that the pastor of this church should occupy his pulpit for the remaining weeks of the Rev. Mr. Shaw's absence if he should desire it.

*July 2, 1878.*—Elder Ramage announced that owing to his change of residence, to take place immediately, he could no longer have the charge of the Communion service. Elder Van Dyk was thereupon appointed to prepare the elements for that service and to take charge of the vessels used, and was authorized to place the service used either in the vault of the 1st or 2nd National Bank, as he may deem proper.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Stevenson as to his assuming the position of Superintendent of our Mission Sunday School, announced that Mr. Stevenson had declined the charge of the same and that they had secured Mr. McIlroy to serve as Superintendent temporarily.

September 3, 1878.

It was resolved that the thanks of the Session be returned to Mr. Samuel McIlroy for his acceptance provisionally of the Superintendency of the Mission Sunday School and that he be confirmed in the same and requested to continue in the discharge of the duties of that office.

The pastor having made a statement of the financial difficulties of the Mission and that he had conferred with Mr. Wyckoff upon the subject of himself supplying the pulpit services in that field, and that Mr. Wyckoff had thereupon offered gratuitously and cheerfully to supply the pulpit until the present difficulties had passed. It was resolved that the generous offer of the Rev. J. C. Wyckoff be accepted with thanks, and that he should be notified of this acceptance and the gratitude of the Session by the Pastor.

It was resolved that a collection to defray the expenses of the Mission be taken up at each regular preaching Service on the Sabbath in the Mission Chapel and that Henry Wanamaker be appointed, till further action, to take such collection and have charge of the same and transmit the sums raised from time to time to William Cooke, the Treasurer.

It was resolved that William Cooke be requested as soon as possible to raise the deficit in the Mission Funds by subscription and that he have power to associate any one with him in this work whom he may desire.

It was resolved that the thanks of the Session be tendered to Mr. Ramage, late Superintendent of our Mission School, for the use of the organ he so generously furnished for that school; and that the Session would be pleased to have Mr. Ramage make known his wish in respect to the same or the future use of it.

*November 26, 1878.*—It was resolved that the Committee appointed to endeavor to raise money to liquidate the debt against the Mission Sunday School be requested to add the price of the organ now in use there as a part of the debt and that the monies so raised be applied first to pay the debt of the school and secondly to the assumed debt of the organ.

*February 19, 1880.*—There had been brought to the notice of the Session privately the fact that a sum of money amounting to about Three Hundred Dollars was deposited to our credit in the Paterson Savings Bank, the balance of a fund originally contributed for a Memorial Church during the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Hornblower.

The Pastor on behalf of the Superintendent of our Mission Sunday School stated that such a sum was greatly needed to enlarge the Infant Class room of that Sunday School. Whereupon it was resolved that the question as to the manner in which this money was deposited in the Paterson Savings Institution and the propriety of using the same in our Mission School be referred to a Committee of two to report at the next meeting of Session. Messrs. Van Dyk and Williams were appointed to serve as this Committee.

*March 9, 1880.*—The Committee appointed at the previous meeting with regard to the money deposited in the Paterson Savings Institution which was originally contributed as a Memorial Church Fund, reported verbally.



This report having been heard was approved and the matter was recommended to them to be reduced to writing in order that the report might be entered fully on our minutes. They were also directed to report a minute with regard to an additional sum to be raised by subscription for the Mission Chapel.

March 12, 1880.

"The subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Session to inquire in respect to the money deposited in the Paterson Savings Institution, received as contributions to the 'Memorial Church Fund,' and as to the propriety of using the same in aid of the Mission Chapel connected with the 1st Presbyterian Church, beg to report, that in obedience to such appointment they have ascertained that Mr. E. Theo. Bell, as Treasurer of such fund, deposited in the Paterson Savings Institution, Jan. 20, 1871, the sum of \$175, as appears by certificate of that date, and on March 2, 1872, the further sum of \$57.24, and which with interest on said certificates amount to the sum of \$349.72, and which certificates are endorsed 'in full' to the order of Rev. Dr. Magie, and that that amount is now subject to his order. And that the Savings Institution has signified its desire that that money should be drawn and has stated that interest will not be computed beyond the first day of February last.

"We find by the statement accompanying the report, marked A, that the amount of the two certificates was the balance in the hands of Mr. Bell after returning to two of the contributors the sum of \$75, as then set forth.

"Of the contributions unreturned, the largest is \$6.09, except three, viz. Mrs. Pettigrew \$20, W. R. Thompson, \$100., and B. W. Butler, \$25., of these three the first two have expressed their consent to have their contributions used in aid of the said Mission Chapel. The consent of the other has not been ascertained, not having been able to ascertain who that person is.

"It appears from examination of Statement A, and vouchers, that Mr. Van Dyk subsequent to said deposits in the Savings Institution, has returned to contributors the sum of \$107.90, as Treasurer of the 1st Presbyterian Church, and the sum in the Paterson Savings Institution ought to be charged therewith.

"Your Committee upon consideration of the premises and in view of the fact that no interest for the future will be allowed on such money, as hereinbefore stated, and that the said Institution has expressed its desire that said money should be drawn, and of the object for which said money is intended to be used, do recommend that Dr. Magie endorse said drafts to Samuel McIlroy, Treasurer of the Mission Chapel, to the end that the said money may be drawn, but before it shall be used for the purpose mentioned and intended, he be directed to apply to the Trustees of this Church for their consent that the said sum of \$107.90, so as aforesaid refunded, may be used in aid of the said Mission Chapel and not to be so used without. And also to obtain as far as conveniently may be, the consent of the contributors not already obtained, and that any sum of any such contributor which shall be used for the purpose mentioned without consent obtained, shall upon demand be refunded to the party entitled to receive the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
Paterson, March 9, 1880.

H. A. Williams.  
F. C. Van Dyk.



Resolved and carried that the foregoing report and recommendations be adopted, and that the Rev. Dr. Magie be authorized to endorse said drafts as therein mentioned.

It was further resolved and carried that the Treasurer of the Mission Chapel be authorized and requested to solicit subscriptions from the Congregation of the Church to the sum of \$150., to be applied towards the cost and expenses of the contemplated improvement of the Mission Chapel, and that when he has in hand \$100. above such cost of improvement, he shall pay that sum to the Rev. J. C. Wyckoff for his services rendered in said Chapel.

It was moved and carried that the interest of the fund left in the care of this Church in the will of the late Mrs. Devereux, for this year, be appropriated in paying a student from one of our Theological Seminaries during his vacation, for officiating in our Mission Chapel, and that the pastor be requested to secure such person and to pay to him the money received from Mr. Henry I. Clark in charge of said fund.

Adjourned with prayer.

David Magie, Mod.

*September 10, 1880.*—After general discussion of the Mission Chapel it was resolved that the Pastor should be authorized, with the consent of the Chapel Congregation, to engage a minister who should labor statedly in that field at a salary not to exceed One Thousand Dollars, of which sum at least Six Hundred Dollars should be raised by the Church, and the remainder to be made up in equal sums from the people of the Chapel and our Sunday School. Mr. Van Dyk was appointed a Committee to raise this money and have charge of the same.

*December 30, 1880.*

The Pastor made a report, with the assent of others, as to the feeling of the people there [at the Mission, in Spring street], with regard to the Rev. Mr. Shuler, who had recently spent a Sabbath in the city and who had occupied the pulpit. Whereupon the following minute was passed:

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, N. J., believing that the Spring St. Mission under the charge of this church, should, in view of its past success, still have continued to it the aid of this church, and have provided for it a stated supply, do therefore resolve

First: that the Rev. L. T. Shuler be and hereby is called by the Session of this Church to become the Stated Supply of the Spring St. Mission at a Salary of Twelve Hundred Dollars per year, payable monthly, from the time of his entering on the duties of said Stated Supply for the term of two years from such date.

Second: that the Pastor be directed to forward this call to the Rev. L. T. Shuler, and to request from him a formal acceptance of such engagement, and that he be authorized to sign this call in the name of the Session of this Church.

March 3, 1881.

The Pastor announced that he had duly forwarded to the Rev. Mr. Shuler the resolutions passed by the Session, and he had received the following:

Westtown, Orange Co., N. Y.

January 26, 1881.

To the Session of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Paterson N. J.

Dear Brethren

I hereby acknowledge with thanks, the call you sent me through your Moderator, to become the Stated Supply of the Spring Street Mission. The delay in accepting it has been due to the necessary formalities connected with the severance of my connection with my present charge. At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Hudson, held in Middletown, N. Y., yesterday afternoon, the pastoral relation existing between the Westtown Church and myself was dissolved. Hence I am at liberty, and now formally accept the call referred to above, earnestly praying that God may so direct me in His work, and in laboring together with you, that our joint efforts may be successful in speedily strengthening his cause in the neighborhood of the Mission.

Fraternally Yours,

L. T. Shuler.

The Pastor still further announced that the Rev. Mr. Shuler had entered upon his labors in the Spring St. Mission on February 1st, 1881.

The Pastor announced to the Session the receipt of a check from H. and J. Clark for the interest of the Devereux Fund. Whereupon it was resolved: That an application be made to the Board of Trustees for the interest on the Devereux Fund to be applied to the aid of a suitable Theological student by employing him during the vacation of the Seminary to officiate at the Spring St. Mission, while the Stated Supply was absent on his vacation.

*April 11, 1881.*

The Rev. Mr. Shuler, in charge of the Mission Chapel, was present by invitation of the Pastor, and the work under his care was discussed. After general discussion the following resolutions were passed.

I. That in accordance with the action of the General Assembly a roll be formed of those who desire to unite with our Chapel, as a separate organization, whose names shall be entered in a book provided for that purpose. And that the Pastor be authorized to set off to such roll those who make written or personal application to be thus set off.

II. That the sacraments of the Church shall henceforth be administered in the Chapel and that the 3rd Sunday of each quarter commencing with June, 1881, be the day for the stated administration of the Lord's Supper in that place.

III. That the Rev. Mr. Shuler and the Pastor be authorized to select and introduce a hymn book, suitable for the worship of God in the Chapel.

IV. That the Pastor shall give notice from the pulpit of an election of an additional Elder with special reference to our Chapel work. That such election shall be held at the next Preparatory Service, and that Samuel McIlroy, the Superintendent of our Mission Chapel, be nominated by the Session to be such additional Elder.

V. That looking forward to the future of this work and desiring that it shall become self supporting in due time, the Rev. Mr. Shuler and Samuel McIlroy are empowered to appoint a Committee, of which they shall be members, to raise funds for the support of the Stated Supply.

*June 10, 1881.*

In accordance with the action of the Session and notice given from the pulpit, immediately after the Preparatory Service, the pastor announced to the Church the action of the Session and their reason for such action. After having asked if any objected to the request of the Session, he put the question whether the Church would now proceed to the election of an Elder. This was carried by unanimous vote. Thereupon he presented from the Session the name of Samuel McIlroy to fill the office of Elder in the Church. The pastor then asked if there were other nominations. None being made, he put the question and by unanimous vote Samuel McIlroy was elected an Elder in this Church.

On June 19, 1881, Samuel McIlroy was ordained and installed as Elder of the Church. Ralph P. Westervelt on the same day, suddenly departed this life.

November 14, 1881.

Mr. McIlroy made the following report to the Session of the condition of the Westminster Chapel, as the funds for the support of the present pastor were raised under its supervision. The report was accepted and ordered to be entered on the minutes and to be printed and distributed through the Church.

Treasurer's report for year ending Nov. 1, 1881.

Income.		Expenditures.	
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1881,	\$131.91	Rev. Mr. Pert	\$10.00
Interest on Bond	90.00	“ L. T. Shuler	910.00
Collections	375.12	“ L. L. Overman	70.00
1st Pres. Sunday School	150.00	Treat for children	

Donations on Subscription		paid out of Fathers' supper.....	59.99
From a lady.....	25.00	Papers & Books	76.11
Mrs. R. Barbour.....	50.00	Incidentals as per items furnished	47.55
“ Wm. Ryle.....	100.00	Total	1173.45
“ Danforth.....	100.00	Balance Cash on hand	
Mr. Peter Adams .....	100.00	S. McIlroy	43.73
“ James Booth.....	100.00	F. C. Van Dyk	220.00 263.73
“ E. T. Bell.....	50.00		
“ F. C. Van Dyk.....	50.00 575.00		
Total	\$1437.18		1437.18

January 25, 1882.

At request the Rev. Mr. Shuler gave his views concerning the Chapel in which he was laboring and expressed his decided opinion that the time had come to form a church of those residing in that neighborhood. He was followed by Mr. McIlroy, who expressed similar views from his knowledge of the work and the people. Thereupon, after discussion, the following resolution was passed.

Whereas, after consideration of the condition of Westminster Chapel and hearing the opinions of those connected with its work, it appeared advisable that those worshipping there be formed into a separate church.

Resolved that we do recognize the expediency of forming a church of those worshipping in the Chapel, now known as the Westminster Chapel, and do call them to meet, after due notice from the Pulpit given by the Rev. Mr. Shuler, to act in this matter, and if the way be clear to appoint representatives to appear before Presbytery and request from that body a Church organization.

March 2, 1882.

“The Session has received with deep sorrow the announcement of the death of Elder Ralph P. Westervelt, who for more than a quarter of a century had been a ruling Elder in this Church.

“In the death of the late Elder, the Session and the Church have lost a member distinguished for his humility and meekness, which not only endeared him to his associates in the Eldership and afforded proof that he had an abiding faith in God, but also gave comforting assurance to those who knew him best in the Church that in death he found the rest which the world does not give.

“It is resolved that the above minute be entered in the Sessicnal records, and a copy sent to the family of the late Elder.”

*May 8, 1883.*

A communication was received from the Rev. L. T. Shuler and the Elders and Trustees of the Westminster Church, reciting their efforts to become self sustaining and the special expenses they had been called to bear in repairs upon their Church building, and asking the Session of this Church to take measures to continue to aid them as in years past. The amount asked was four hundred dollars. Whereupon it was resolved that an effort be made to raise this sum by subscription, and that Mr. Van Dyk have charge of the matter.

July 18, 1883.

The Session met in the Pastor's study at the call of the Moderator to take action with regard to the funeral of Rev. William H. Hornblower, the pastor of this church for twenty-seven years preceding the present pastorate. There were present Rev. David Magie, Mod., with Elders Williams, Derrom, Muzzy, Van Dyk and McIlroy. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted.

"That the Elders of this Church attend at the Midland Depot in this City, the 29th Inst., upon the arrival of the 12 M. train from New York with the remains of the late Rev. Dr. William H. Hornblower, to officiate as bearers or otherwise as may be desired."

"That a Committee of the Session be appointed to prepare and present a suitable minute for record in regard to the death of the Rev. Dr. William H. Hornblower." H. A. Williams and Andrew Derrom were appointed this Committee.

"That the Pastor be requested to announce the death of the Rev. Dr. William H. Hornblower at the next meeting of the Presbytery, and move the appointment of a Committee to take proper action in respect to the death of the deceased Divine."

Adjourned with prayer.

David Magie, Mod.

*August 31, 1883.*

The following paper was received from the Committee appointed to prepare and present a suitable minute for record in regard to the death of the former Pastor, the Rev. William H. Hornblower, D. D.

"The Session, for themselves and in behalf of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, desiring to have preserved on record an expression of their estimate of the character and worth of the late Rev. D. William H. Hornblower, and of the loss which has been sustained by his death, do adopt the following minute.

"That in the death of Dr. William H. Hornblower, Pastor of this Church

for more than a quarter of a century preceding the present pastorate, and for more than ten years and at the time of his death Professor in the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa., the Church and the Religion which he taught have suffered a loss which cannot by human judgment be estimated.

"His learning, ripe scholarship, eminent executive ability, his firmness of character, united with great charity and gentleness, his faithful application in the discharge of the duties which devolved upon him as Pastor and Professor, will always be held in grateful remembrance by all who knew him.

"As a Theologian, he was profound; as a Presbyterian, versed in the polity and practice of the Church; as a Preacher, earnest and eloquent; as a Pastor, kind, considerate and charitable; as a Friend, constant, true and generous; as a Citizen, loyal and patriotic.

"He loved his work and the people of his church; to the poor he ever manifested the kindest regard; to the children, especially those to whom he had administered the sacrament of baptism, he always showed a deep solicitude for their welfare.

"In view of the life, labor and character of such a man, the language of the Apostle might not unfittingly have been appropriated as his dying assurance of victory over death: 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing.' "

H. A. Williams,

Andrew Derrom, Committee.

The Pastor announced that the above minute had been forwarded to the family of the late Dr. Hornblower, and that the following reply had been received :

Litchfield, Conn,

Aug. 29, 1883.

Rev. David Magie, D. D.

Dear Sir,

My Mother wishes me to convey to you, and through you to the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, her thanks and the thanks of her family, for the expression of sympathy contained in the minute of the Session which you have kindly forwarded to her. The language of the minute is most gratifying. It bears no marks of formal eulogy and contains no perfunctory expressions of sympathy and respect, but it breathes the spirit of earnest, sincere, personal regard and affection for their former Pastor. We cannot but believe it to be the genuine utterance of the inmost hearts of those who penned it and of those who adopted it.



It is indeed a consolation to us to feel that my Father was appreciated by those to whom he gave the greater part of his active life in this world. His Congregation was to him but a larger family, who were almost, if not quite, as dear to him as his inner and more immediate family, and to his dying day he never lost his love for that larger family or his interest in the welfare of each individual member of it.

Please give our thanks also to the Session and to the Church for their very thoughtful and very appropriate arrangements made by them for the funeral service.

I remain my dear sir,  
Your very respectfully,  
Wm. B. Hornblower.

On the 19th of July, 1883, the remains of Dr. Hornblower were received at the Midland Depot by the Session and taken to the Church. At 3 P. M., the hour of service, a very large Congregation was gathered in the Church, which had been heavily draped in mourning. A large number of Clergymen were present. The Rev. Dr. Warfield of Allegheny, Rev. Drs. Lowrie and Crane of this State, with Rev. Drs. Shaw and Duryea, took part in the devotional exercises. The Pastor of the Church spoke of Dr. Hornblower's life-work in this City; Rev. Dr. A. A. Hodge, of his work as a Professor; and Rev. Dr. C. K. Imbrie of his work and influence in the Presbytery and in the State. The remains were carried after the service to and interred in Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

Adjourned with prayer.

David Magie, Pastor.

*May 30, 1884.*

A resolution adopted at a joint meeting of the Trustees and Session of this Church, held at the Parsonage on Saturday evening, May 24, 1884, and by them proposed for adoption by this body was by a unanimous vote ordered to be entered in the minutes of the Session. It is as follows:

"From the report of the Committee appointed at a joint meeting of the Session and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, it is not unreasonable to expect that an organization will be effected and a Presbyterian Church erected upon the lot donated for that purpose, which will by reason of location of residence take a number of the members and families of this church.

"This separation will undoubtedly cause regret and sorrow in severing their relations to a Church with which they have been identified for many years, and that they ought to receive, and no doubt will, if not material aid, the sympathy, advice, prayers, and hearty co-operation of those who are not under such necessity for withdrawal, and that we, the Trustees and Session, in joint meeting, do hereby promise in our official capacities to give our sympathy, aid, advice and co-operation in the accomplishment of



his knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel, & his acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive him.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Jan. 2nd 1817. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Rev. Saml. Fisher, Mod.

John R. Gould, Saml. Colt,  
& Oshea Wilder—Elders.

*Absent*—Alvan Wilcox.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Wilder rendered his reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Session, which were sustained.

The Moderator informed the Session that on Lord's day Oct. 6th 1816, Sarah wife of Adam Moore, & Peter Colt were received into the church, agreeable to their vote, at the last meeting.

Esther, wife of William Dickey, applied to the Session to be received, as a member of this Church, & produced a certificate of her regular standing with the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Whereupon the Session agreed to receive her.

The following minute of Presbytery was received & read : (viz.) "In Presbytery at Elizabethtown, Oct. 1st 1816, a minute was made, of which the following is a copy. viz :—The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of exercising a pastoral care over baptized children made the following report, which was adopted, (viz.) While our book of discipline requires baptized children to be examined as to their knowledge & piety, before they are admitted to sealing ordinances, it manifestly places them under the watch and care of the church, & directs that they be trained up, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The pastoral care which your committee recommend may be expressed in the following resolutions, which they beg leave to submit.

1. Resolved, that it be recommended to the different Sessions under the care of this Presbytery, to exercise a watch over professing parents, to see that they dedicate their children in baptism, that they pray with them, that they faithfully instruct, restrain and govern them, & keep them from improper company, & habits of dissipation, & that they put them under teachers, who will guard their moral and religious principles.

2. Resolved, that it be recommended to the different Sessions to visit & converse with the baptized children, admonish them of their standing and obligations, & examine them as to their religious knowledge, & frequently to collect, catechise & pray with them.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk transmit an attested copy of the above report to the several church Sessions under the care of this Presbytery."

Elizabethtown Oct. 2nd 1816.

Thomas Pirton,  
Stated Clerk."

Whereupon, Resolved,

1. That the minute from the Presbytery be entered upon the minutes of the Session.

Resolved—2. That, in the opinion of this Session, the attention which they are now paying to their communicants & baptized children, in compliance with the recommendation of the Presbytery, Oct. 5, 1814, is as far as practicable, a literal compliance with the foregoing recommendations.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday April 1st 1817. 6 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Saml. Fisher, Mod.

Samuel Colt, Oshea Wilder,

John R. Gould—Elders.

*Absent*—Alvan Wilcox—Elder.

The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

John Bresbuhl, & Mary, wife of William Berry, appeared before the Sessions and requested to be received into the fellowship & communion of this Church. After a careful examination as to their knowledge of the doctrines of the gospel, & their acquaintance with experimental religion, the Session agreed to receive them.

Jonathan D. Marvin, being about to remove from this place, requested a dismission, with a view to connect himself with one of the churches of Tappan, where he expects to reside ; which was granted.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday July 30th 1817. 4 O'clock P. M.

The Session met according to appointment.

*Present*—Samuel Fisher, Mod.

Samuel Colt & John R. Gould—Elders.

*Absent*—Oshea Wilder—Do.

Mr. Wilder having left Paterson & gone into the western country, & the time of his return being uncertain—the Moderator and two remaining Elders, considered themselves as virtually constituting the whole of the Session, now resident in Paterson, agreed to proceed to business. The Session being opened with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Williams being nominated to attend Presbytery in April next, asked to be excused, stating that no doubt it is known to most of the Session that application will be made to the Presbytery of Jersey City for Church organization in connection with the new building in course of erection on Broadway, known as "The Church of the Redeemer," to which reference is made in the Minute unanimously adopted by the Session and Trustees of this Church, May 24, 1884; and that he is named as delegate to present to Presbytery the petition for that purpose.

It was therefore resolved that Mr. Williams, for the reasons stated, be excused.

Paterson, May 10, 1886.

The Session met at the call of the Moderator, at 4 P. M., and was opened with prayer by him. There were present Rev. David Magie, Mod., with Elders Williams, Lockwood, Derrom, Van Dyk and McIlroy. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Elder McIlroy in view of his intention to unite with the Church of the Redeemer, offered his resignation as Treasurer of the Session. On motion the resignation was accepted, and thereupon Elder Lockwood was nominated to succeed to the office, and on motion he was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The following paper was then presented by Elder Williams, who spoke of his deep regret that in God's providence it had become necessary that so many of the members of this Church and four of the Elders should ask letters of dismission from a Church with which they had been connected for many years.

To the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson:

We, the undersigned, ask letters of dismission from the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson for the purpose of being formed, under the authority of the Presbytery of Jersey City, into The Church of the Redeemer in this city.

Mary Danforth	Edward T. Bell
Anna D. Bell	H. A. Williams
R. Williams	Joseph W. Williams
Anna Williams	Mary L. Williams
Louisa S. Williams	Matilda B. Williams
Helen B. Williams	Josephine K. Atterbury
Mary E. Ryle	Kate R. Ryle
Fred. H. Crassous	Hattie A. Crassous
John S. Barkalow	Esther E. Barkalow
Henrietta S. Barkalow	Jennie Hobart
Mary E. Strange	Georgia A. Read

John M. Gould	Sydney M. Gould
Ella B. Salter	Ella B. D. Salter
Edwin E. Salter	Katie L. Derrom
Andrew Derrom, Jr.	Jennie L. Derrom
Eugene Stevenson	Helen H. Stevenson
Cornelia P. Stevenson	Marie M. Stevenson
Mary J. Butler	Lizzie J. Hughes
Mary E. Leal	Annie L. Laing
Sarah E. Barnes	S. L. D. Barnes
Charles Keeler	Annie F. Keeler
Florence Keeler	Lillian M. Keeler
Minnie B. Keeler	Geo. S. McCarter
Louise S. McCarter	Sydney D. Atterbury
Eleanor C. Atterbury	George M. Baker
Emily M. Baker	Flora L. Smith
Abraham Gould	Jemima M. Gould
Robert Dalling	May Dalling
F. C. Van Dyk	Maria E. Van Dyk
Eleanor Evans	Hattie A. Evans
Elizabeth Van Winkle	Maggie Van Winkle
Fannie F. Evans	Anna B. Pennington
Sarah Sigler	Mary Berdan
Sarah J. Briscoe	Catholine V. D. Briscoe
Martha H. Johnson	Elizabeth Ray
Lizzie H. Ray	Catherine Z. Pearce
Sarah Ramsey	James P. Ramsey
Charlotte Ramsey	Mary Ackerman Hewson
Walter Shields	Lizzie D. Shields
Patrick Henry Shields	Lizzie Shields
Maggie C. Shields	Mary C. Kerr
Samuel McIlroy	Maria McIlroy
William Talcott	Libbie J. Grant
Hattie J. Brooks	Edda M. Paxton
Albert F. Chadwick	Annie P. Chadwick

Martin C. Post

The paper having been read and received, before final action upon it, Elder Williams offered the following paper, which he asked might be entered on the Minutes of the Session.

"It seems proper upon presenting the request of Ninety-one members, including four of the Session, for letters of dismission for the purpose of being formed, under the authority of Presbytery, into The Church of the

Redeemer, that a statement of the reasons for the same should be entered upon the records of this church.

"In the fall of 1870 there assembled at the Parsonage, by invitation of the then Pastor, the late Rev. Dr. William H. Hornblower, who firmly believed the old church would be benefited by an early departure of those who resided beyond convenient access to it, a number of the Congregation who were so situated, and action was taken in favor of a Church on Broadway near the present site of The Church of the Redeemer.

"In pursuance of such action Dr. Hornblower prepared a circular, dated October 12, 1870, wherein the necessity for a new church was clearly and forcibly stated, and contributions therefor earnestly solicited, every signer of which, save one, is represented in person or by family in the new Church. But the enterprise failed. In the Spring of 1884, after a lapse of nearly fourteen years, the question of a new Church on Broadway was revived, an edifice has been erected, and a Church is about to be organized, which it is hoped will be a blessing to the cause of Religion. The successful accomplishment of this important work is due not only to the liberality of many interested in it, but in a large measure to the united and earnest co-operation of Pastor, Officers, and people of the old Church.

"Therefore, The members of the Session, who have joined in the request for dismission for the purpose of forming The Church of the Redeemer, desire to have entered upon the records an expression of their profound regret in the separation from Pastor, associates in the Eldership, and from the old Church, endeared to them by ties of friendship and of love, and they do most earnestly supplicate that the blessing of him, who is Head over all things in the Church, may be continually vouchsafed alike to those who remain, and to those who leave."

The above paper was received and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes of the Session, and the Pastor was directed to make such further disposition of it as he shall deem proper.

The request of the Ninety-one members of this Church, including four of the Eldership, for letters of dismission, that they may be formed, under the authority of Presbytery, into the Church of the Redeemer, was then granted, and the Pastor was authorized to include these names in a general list of dismission.

Elder Derrom then offered the following paper, which was adopted by the remaining members of the Session, and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes, and further used as the Pastor may deem proper.

"The remnant of the Session of this Church, originally organized in 1813, now parting with a large number—ninety-one—of its most efficient

members, for the purpose of organizing The Church of the Redeemer, to be located in the new church edifice, Broadway, desire to make a minute, as a memorial of the occasion.

"After many years of a lovable and Christian union, a friendship has grown among the members of this Church, commencing, much of it from infancy, running through youth, middle age, and to the riper years of maturity; in the Providence of God necessity has compelled a division, which we pray may redound to the glory of God, the growth and prosperity of His kingdom upon earth, the spread of truth and purity, and the prosperity, both religious and material, of the people of both Churches.

"Especially do we desire to express to the Brethren who depart, while we deplore the necessity, our sympathy and love, and that the Christian charity and union, so long existing in this Church, may be continued between the two Churches in the same degree; although separated we are one in faith, one in love, one in Christ the Head of the Church."

Adjourned with prayer by H. A. Williams, dismissed at this meeting with the others named to form the new Church.

David Magie, Mod.

Paterson, May 18, 1886.

The Session met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer by him. There were present Rev. David Magie, Mod., with Elders Derrom and Lockwood. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Antoinette Gibson Brigham and

Mrs. Cecelia H. Stevenson, wife of Rev. Dr. J. M.,

were at their request dismissed to the Church of the Redeemer in this City.

The Pastor then read the following communication:

"To the Session of the First Presbyterian Church,  
Dear Brethren,

I have called you together to announce to you formally that I have received a call to become the Pastor of the recently formed Church of the Redeemer. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case it seems proper that I should as speedily as possible convey to you my convictions of duty in the matter. I need not recount to you the history of this new Church, which has been begun and carried on under our approval and care. Almost all of its members have for many years been members of this Church. In the beginning of their Church life they have thought I would be useful to them, and have asked me to serve them. It is a painful position to occupy to be called to choose a service between friends for whom I have the deepest personal regard. After consideration, in which I have sought divine guidance, I am convinced that it is my duty to accept the call extended to me. I shall ask you therefore to unite with me in taking the necessary steps to dissolve the relation now existing between us,



as pastor and people. It is not needful to say that this decision has cost me some sorrow. The ties formed by fourteen years of service are not lightly broken. But we shall not be separated in faith nor affection. In work and hope we shall still be united. In your welfare as individuals and as a Church, I shall ever take the deepest interest, and it shall be my constant endeavor to preserve personally and officially the kindest relations between those who for so many years were in united communion.

With all kindly feeling and with earnest prayer that God will guide and bless you, I am

Your sincere friend and pastor,  
David Magie."

It was resolved that a meeting of the Trustees with the Elders, be held on May 24th to consider what should be done for the interests of the Church under the present circumstances.

It was further resolved that a meeting of the Church and Congregation be called on Thursday evening, May 27th, at 7.30, in the Church, to consider the resignation of the Pastor and to take action upon it, and to appoint commissioners to represent them in Presbytery.

Adjourned with prayer,  
David Magie, Mod.

Paterson, June 4, 1886.

The Session met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer by him. There were present Rev. David Magie, Mod., with Elder Lockwood, the only elder remaining. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The pastor announced that he had sent letters of invitation to the elders elect to be present at this meeting that they might signify their acceptance of the office, and arrangements might be made for their ordination and installation.

The pastor reported that at the joint meeting of the Session and Trustees, called by order of the Session, and held at the parsonage on the evening of May 24, there were present Rev. David Magie and Elders Lockwood and Derrom from the Session, and of the Trustees, Henry I. Clark, James Booth, E. G. Edwards, and William Nelson. After a full discussion of the circumstances in which the Church was placed, it was thought best to proceed to the election of additional elders, and to submit to the Church the question of a change in the term of service in the office of the Eldership, the Session and Trustees advising the Church to adopt the system of rotary service. This report was accepted.

Elder Lockwood reported that at a meeting of the Church and Congregation, called by the pastor from the pulpit by direction of the Session, and held in the Church on the evening of May 27, Elder Derrom called the meeting to order, and Henry I. Clark was elected



President and William Nelson Secretary. There was a good attendance. The following communication was received from the pastor:

To the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church.  
My dear People.

It is known to you all that a call has been extended to me to become the pastor of those who have undertaken the labor of forming a new Church in this City, most of whom have gone out from you. I have already made known to the Session my conviction of duty in this matter, and have been directed by them to call this meeting that the resignation of my pastoral office may be laid before you, and that you may take action upon it. At the request of the Session, the Trustees of the Church have met with them to consider what should be done under these circumstances, and certain matters will be laid before you, for your consideration, as the result of their joint meeting.

With a grateful and loving heart for your unwearied kindness during the past years, I offer to you my resignation as your pastor, and ask you to join with me in seeking from Presbytery a dissolution of the tie which now binds us together as pastor and people.

It has pleased God to let me labor among you with great comfort and joy for more than fourteen years. During all these years I have proved your love, and on my part, and I have reason to believe on your part also, the ties that have bound us together have grown in strength and tenderness. I can never cease to thank God for these happy relations.

Whatever may be to us the pain of the present hour, I am convinced that at no distant day we shall thank God for what we have been permitted to do for his cause. This Church has been a blessing in this community. You have built Westminster Church, and have given thirty-six of your members to form its membership. And now again a colony has gone forth from you to build another Church in this City. This is indeed to do the work of God. It is the consummation of the hopes and prayers and labors of those who have gone to their reward. Probably never again in the history of this new Church will it need the care it does now.

Most earnestly have I sought to know my duty in this matter. I would not hide from you the grief I feel in severing these ties. Bonds of experience in Christian communion, in joy and sorrow, are not lightly broken. But the path of duty seems clear to my mind, and I would ask you to grant your assent to my following it. Gladly would I take each one of you by the hand to-night and speak the words of affection I feel.

Your work opens before you hopefully. In a short time the places made vacant will be filled, and in answer to your prayers God will send you a pastor with his blessing. In these prayers mine shall be joined. Your prosperity I do most truly desire. Accept the kindest assurance of my heartfelt regard. And may I not feel in undertaking this new work for God, in the success of which you must always feel an interest, that your prayers shall help me? My whole heart goes out in the desire that God may bless you.

I remain with sincere affection  
Your friend and pastor  
David Magie."

Paterson, May 27, 1886.

After reading the above communication, the following was then offered

by Mr. William G. Fenner :

Whereas our pastor has tendered his resignation to take effect July 1st, while we deeply deplore the necessity of giving up one who has been so useful in his ministerial and social relations with this Congregation, and fully appreciate the great loss which this Church will sustain in the severance of these relations which have so long and pleasantly existed.

Resolved that we appreciate the motive which has actuated him in asking to be released from this Church, and because of the great regard and love which we bear toward him who has so long and faithfully ministered to us, we feel reluctant to interpose any obstacle to the fulfilling of the wish that he has expressed in this matter, much as we regret such a step, and it is therefore declared to be the sense of this congregation that the Presbytery of Jersey City be requested to dissolve the pastoral relation now existing between this Society, and the Rev. David Magie, D. D., if he shall ask the Presbytery so to do, at the next meeting of that body, said dissolution to take effect the first day of July next.

Resolved that we tender to our pastor, the Rev. Dr. Magie, the love and affection of the Church and the Society.

Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing more fully our warm regard for our pastor, and that in case his connection with this Church shall be severed, such resolutions be then handed to him.

Messrs. W. G. Fenner, William Nelson, S. Tasney, John H. Goetschius and S. V. S. Muzzy, were appointed the Committee on resolutions.\*

James D. Lockwood, Henry I. Clark and William G. Fenner, were appointed commissioners to Presbytery to represent the action of the meeting.

At this meeting the action of the joint meeting of the Session and Trustees as above reported was announced, and the pastor was asked to call a meeting of the Church for the above purposes.

The above report was accepted and made a part of the records of the Church by inserting it on the minutes.

The pastor then reported that by the direction of the Session he had called a meeting from the pulpit to be held on May 30, in connection with the regular weekly service, for the election of Elders, and to take action upon the recommendation to adopt the rotary system of eldership. That on that evening a meeting was held with a good attendance. It was decided by vote to proceed to the election of elders. After discussion the rotary system was adopted by a unanimous vote. It was adopted that those who were now elected should serve for the term of three years, and that the Session should consist of six members. Mr. Lockwood, the present incumbent, was thereupon by unanimous vote declared to be an elder for life, he having been elected originally for a life term; and it being

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\*See minutes of the Board of Trustees, pp. 225-6 ante.

thought right that his term should be exceptional. The following were then elected by the Church without dissent.

Henry I. Clark

Edmund G. Edwards and

William Moore to be elders of this Church for the term of three years. This report was accepted and ordered to be entered on the minutes for record.

The pastor further reported that he had called a meeting of the Session on June 2, when only Mr. Lockwood was present. He then read a communication from Elder Derrom asking his letter of dismission to the Church of the Redeemer. Elder Lockwood desired to defer action upon the matter until he might converse with Elder Derrom. It was however agreed that if Elder Derrom in the meantime persist in his demand, the letter should be granted; the pastor now announced that Elder Derrom had subsequently demanded his letter and he had granted Andrew Derrom a letter of dismission to the Church of the Redeemer. The above action was approved.

Henry I. Clark attended the meeting and desired a delay of action with regard to his installation, that he might further consider his duty in the matter.

Letters were read from E. G. Edwards and William Moore declining the office of Elder, to which they had been elected.

June 11, 1886.

It was resolved that the Elders of the Church of the Redeemer be invited to assist in the distribution of the elements at the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath, as it was understood that no service was to be held in that Church on that day, and the Church had been invited to attend the communion service and unite once more with the old Church in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

*Paterson, February 16, 1887.*—The Session met in the Church parlor after Prayer Meeting. Present Rev. Frank E. Miller, Mod., with Elders Lockwood and Clark. Letter was received from H. Kendall, D. D., secretary of the Board of Home Missions, asking for collection. On motion it was unanimously resolved that the time for Sunday evening service be changed to 7.30 P. M.

Resolved that the Pastor be authorized to take steps for the organization of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in our church as soon as in his judgment he shall deem it advisable.

*March 9, 1887.*—On motion it was unanimously Resolved that the envelope plan be adopted for benevolent contributions, and Mr. Clark procure the envelopes for the same.

*April 6, 1887.*—On motion the Pastor was directed to call a congregational meeting for the election of two additional elders.

On motion it was resolved that Session nominate four persons for the office.

The following persons were then unanimously nominated by ballot, viz. Edmund G. Edwards, Wm. Moore, S. V. S. Muzzy, Wm. Nelson. The Moderator was directed to announce these nominations in the congregational meeting.

*June 8, 1887.*—On motion, Wm. Nelson was elected Clerk of Session.

On motion, Elders Muzzy, Clark and Nelson were appointed a committee to prepare and report to the Session in September a plan for the proper celebration in August, 1888, of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of this Church.

*June 10, 1887.*—On motion, the Pastor was authorized to organize a Young Ladies' Missionary Society, when in his judgment it shall seem best.

The following minutes were [on motion of Mr. Miller] ordered put on record:

Rev. Frank E. Miller was installed Pastor of this Church on Tuesday evening, May 3, 1887. Rev. J. B. Kugler, Moderator of the Presbytery of Jersey City, presided, proposed the constitutional questions, constituted the relation and gave the charge to the people. Rev. A. E. Kittredge, D. D., of the Madison avenue Reformed Church, New York City, preached the sermon. Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D. D., of the Second Presbyterian Church, Paterson, gave the charge to the pastor, A large audience was present, and the services were interesting and impressive.

At a meeting of the Congregation, duly called, and held Wednesday evening, May 4th, Samuel V. S. Muzzy and Wm. Nelson were elected by ballot to the office of Ruling Elder in this Church. The brethren having signified their acceptance of the office, were duly ordained and installed in connection with the Sabbath morning service, May 15th, and took their seats as members of Session, June 8th.

*Oct. 5, 1887.*—The Woman's Missionary Society of this Church presented an application, requesting that one prayer meeting in the month be devoted to the subject of Missions, and that a collection be taken up at that meeting for the society. It was decided to try the plan first of holding such Mission prayer meeting on the first Wednesday after Communion, and if it should thereafter seem feasible, to hold such meetings more frequently. The request for a collection for the Society at all such meetings was agreed to.

Elder Nelson having suggested the desirability of having a circular pre-

pared for distribution in the Church, giving a comprehensive summary of the system of beneficence carried on in the Presbyterian Church at large, with a view to spreading a knowledge of the system, and increasing the interest in the matter of Systematic Beneficence. On motion he was appointed a committee to prepare such circular.

*October 26, 1887.*—The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, recommending a scheme conforming to the General Assembly's endorsement of Weekly Worship Offerings. Report received and laid over.

The subject of the Communion wine being brought up, Elder Nelson stated that he had made inquiries on the subject, and had heard the "grape juice" prepared by Alexander W. Pearson, of Vineland, most highly commended. On motion of Elder Clark it was ordered that one dozen bottles of said wine, or "grape juice," be bought from Mr. Pearson.

The Pastor stated that he had been requested to have the children of the Sunday School organize into a Mission Band. On motion of Elder Muzzy the pastor was authorized to organize such a Band.

A meeting of the Congregation was held in the Lecture Room after prayer meeting, on Wednesday, November 16, 1887, pursuant to notice from the pulpit, at the request of the Board of Trustees, to take steps to remove the debt on the Lecture Room—\$1,848.

Mr. Wm. G. Fenner was chosen chairman, and Mr. Wm. Nelson, secretary.

It was resolved to request the ladies to take charge of the matter, and the following volunteered: Mrs. John V. Bentley, Miss Ackerman, Mrs. Samuel V. S. Muzzy, Mrs. Henry Muzzy, Miss Kate Wilson, Miss Jennie Townsend, Mrs. Henry I. Clark. The Committee were empowered to add to their number.

February 15, 1888.—The Session met in the Church parlor, the meeting having been called at the request of all the Elders, for the purpose of acting on the request of Mr. and Mrs. John Cheyne to be dismissed to the Church of the Redeemer. Present—the Moderator and Elders Muzzy and Nelson. Opened with prayer. The Moderator presented in writing a protest against granting the letters before March 7, when, he had informed Mr. Cheyne, the Session would meet.\* On motion, action was deferred until a full Session should attend, and the Moderator was requested to call another special meeting for the purpose.

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\*Mr. and Mrs. Cheyne desired to have their letters in order to join the Church of the Redeemer, where members were to be received and the communion administered some days prior to March 7; hence their wish for prompt action on their application, and the desire of the Session to accommodate them. Their letters were granted at the next meeting of Session, against the Moderator's protest.

*February 29, 1888.*—On motion it was decided that

The quarterly collections on the Wednesday evening after each Communion should be divided between the two Missionary Societies.

The collection on Easter Sunday evening should be for the benefit of the Sunday School.

On motion, the rule requiring applications for letters of dismission to come before Session, was rescinded, and the Moderator was authorized to grant such letters, reporting the facts at the next meeting of Session.

May 2, 1888.—Pursuant to due notice a congregational meeting was held this evening in the Lecture Room, after prayer meeting, at which the pastor, the Rev. F. E. Miller, acted as Moderator, and William Nelson was elected secretary.

Nominations having been called for and a ballot taken, William Moore was elected Elder for the term of three years.

On motion, Elders Muzzy and Nelson consenting, their terms in the Eldership were fixed at three years instead of six, in order that two elders might be elected annually for the term of three years.

June 6, 1888.—The Session met in the Church parlor. Mr. William Moore having been elected to the Eldership May 2, 1888, and ordained and installed May 27, took his seat with the Session for the first time.

Annual Report to Presbytery.  
April 1, 1887, to April 1, 1888.

Elders	4
Deacons	0
Communicants	<div> <div>Added on examination</div> <div>“ “ certificate</div> <div>Total of Communicants</div> </div>
	20
	19
	274
Baptisms	<div>Adults</div> <div>Infants</div>
	3
	11
Sabbath School Membership	334
Home Missions	\$ 120
Foreign Missions	\$ 146
Education	5
Sabbath School Work (Publication)	12
Church Erection	14
Relief Fund	48
Freedmen	8
Sustentation	14
Aid for Colleges	6
General Assembly	\$5
Congregational	\$ 5,606
Miscellaneous	64



Sept. 5, 1888.—The Moderator and Elder Moore were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. William Barbour relative to establishing a Sunday School at Haledon and to report at a subsequent meeting of Session.

December 7, 1888.—The Moderator reported that Mr. William Barbour had removed from Haledon to Paterson, and hence an end had been put to the project of establishing a Presbyterian School at Haledon.

April 10, 1889.

The Moderator presented the following summary of the work of the church for the year:

Elders	5
Deacons	0
Added on examination	19
"    " certificate	14
Total of Communicants	276
Baptisms—Adults	3
"    Infants	10
Sabbath School Membership	372
Contributions:	
Home Missions	\$ 256
Foreign    "	167
Education	15
Publication (Sabbath School work)	15
Church Erection	150
Relief Fund	155
Freedmen	15
Sustentation	15
Aid for Colleges	15
General Assembly	44.71
Congregational	6,313*
Miscellaneous	109
Total	<hr/> \$ 7,269.71

May 1, 1889.—Pursuant to due notice from the pulpit, a meeting of the communicants was held this evening, in the Church parlor, after prayer meeting, the pastor presiding, and William Nelson secretary.

Elder Clark was nominated by the Session for re-election, and was unanimously chosen for the term of three years.

September 6, 1889.—The Moderator reported having, with Elder Nel

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\*Including moneys borrowed to meet deficiency in current receipts.

son, made an exhaustive survey of sites available for the establishment of Presbyterian Churches. Sites could be had on Broadway near Thirtieth street—lots from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

On Totowa—lots from \$150 to \$600, near the Old Ladies' Home.

On Albion Place—from \$100 to \$150 per lot. Report received and committee continued.

February 5, 1890.

The Committee on Albion Place Mission presented a written report, as follows:

Mr. H. C. Camp will donate one lot and will sell other lots at \$100 each.

Mr. John M. Gould will donate one lot next to Mr. Camp's, leaving us to buy all that we need of Mr. Camp; or he will give \$150 cash if Mr. W. G. Fenner and Mr. C. Lambert will do the same, and we may buy anywhere in Albion Place; or he will donate one lot along the Notch Road, and sell three lots adjoining, and two in the rear, for current prices, making a plot 100 x 150 ft for \$1,000.

Your Committee has conferred with Mr. W. G. Fenner, Mr. Samuel Murray and Mr. Samuel Phillips. Mr. Fenner was at first inclined to look favorably at the project, but in a recent interview he has expressed himself of the opinion that the movement is premature. Mr. Murray thinks that an effort ought to be made to secure ground, even if nothing is done with it for some months, and of the various offers he considers that of the plot on the Notch Road as the most advantageous to the enterprise, and he thinks that if a year's time was allowed, the people at Albion Place would be able to raise \$500 of the purchase money. Mr. Phillips agrees with Mr. Murray, but estimates that in the course of a year the people at Albion Place might raise \$800 of the purchase money. In view of these facts your Committee respectfully recommends that an immediate purchase be made of Mr. Gould, of a plot of ground 100 feet front on the Notch Road by 150 feet on Silleck street.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. Miller

Wm. Nelson,

Committee

Paterson, N. J. Feb 5, 1890

Report received.

*March 7, 1890.*—The Session resolved to nominate Elders Muzzy and Nelson for re-election to the Eldership at the approaching Congregational meeting for the election of Elders.

The Moderator and the Clerk were appointed a Committee on the Directory for the ensuing year, and were authorized to print 500 copies.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor were granted the use of the Church at its approaching anniversary, and the use of the Church was also granted to the Local Union of Christian Endeavor Societies for its annual meeting on the first Thursday evening of May.

*March 26, 1890.*—The Moderator announced that upon invitation of himself and Session's Commissioner, Elder Nelson, the Presbytery of Jersey City would meet in this Church on the third Tuesday in April, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion it was resolved that we give Presbytery a cordial welcome, and Elders Muzzy, Clark and Nelson were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for the entertainment of Presbytery.

*April 16, 1890.*—On motion, the annual Congregational meeting for the election of Elders was changed from the first Wednesday evening in May to the last Wednesday evening in April.\*

The Moderator presented the annual report to Presbytery, which was accepted and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, said report being as follows:

Elders	5
Deacons	0
Added on examination	11
"    " certificate	31
Total Communicants	295
Baptisms—Adults	3
"    Infants	14
Sabbath School membership	359
Funds contributed—Home Missions	\$181.
Foreign    "	219.
Education	15.
Sabbath School	15.
Church Erection	50.
Relief Fund	47.
Freedmen	70.
Sustentation and Synodical Aid	83.
Aid for Colleges	15.
General Assembly	35.62
Congregational	6,287.†
Miscellaneous	25.

\* April 30, 1890. Pursuant to due notice, a congregational meeting was held this evening in the Lecture Room, after Prayer meeting, at which the Pastor, the Rev. F. E. Miller, acted as Moderator, and Mr. James Tasney was elected secretary. The Session nominated Elders Samuel V.

\*This change was made by a unanimous vote, at the request of the Moderator, who wished to attend the annual dinner of a military society, which was appointed for the first Wednesday evening in May.

†Including money borrowed to meet deficiency in the current income.

S. Muzzy and William Nelson for re-election, and, there being no other nominations, a ballot was taken and they were unanimously elected.

*September 10, 1890.*—Elder Muzzy, of the committee on proposed Totowa Sunday School, reported that Rev. J. B. Gallaway, of the Third Church, had taken possession of the field, and started a Mission, and that therefore the way was not clear for any enterprise there on the part of this Church. Report received and committee discharged.

At the request of the Moderator, the use of the church was granted to the Paterson Evangelical Alliance for a temperance meeting in October or November, at the pleasure of the alliance.

*December 10, 1890.*—On motion of Elder Nelson, the pastor was authorized and requested, on behalf of the Session, to co-operate with the other Presbyterian Churches of the City, with a view to the closer union of the churches in the matter of church work.

*March 4, 1891.*—The Moderator was authorized to have printed 500 copies of the Church Directory.

It was unanimously agreed to nominate Elder Moore for re-election at the next congregational meeting.

Annual Report to Presbytery, to April 1, 1891.

Elders	5
Deacons	0
Added on Profession	18
“ “ Certificate	19
Total Number of Communicants	314
Baptisms—Adults	7
Baptisms—Infants	11
Sunday School Membership	385
Money raised :	
Home Missions	\$308.
Foreign Missions	260.
Education	20.
Sunday School—Missions	46.
Church Erection	35.
Relief Fund	20.
Freedmen	70.
Sustentation	15.
Aid for Colleges	15.
General Assembly	42.02
Congregational	5,721.53
Miscellaneous	231.

April 29, 1891.—A meeting of the communicants was held this evening in the Lecture Room, after prayer meeting. On motion of Elder Clark, Elder William Moore was unanimously re-elected, for the term of three years. Elder Clark moved to adjourn, which was carried on a rising vote, 89 to 36.

June 10, 1891.—On motion, it was unanimously voted to allow the pastor six Sundays in July and August for his vacation, to be selected by himself.

September 11, 1891.—The Moderator asked, in behalf of the Evangelical Alliance, for the privilege of holding a temperance meeting in the Lecture Room sometime during the winter. On motion, leave was granted.

On motion, leave was given to the proper representatives of the Lake View Presbyterian Association and of the Presbyterian Sunday School at Albion Place to canvass this congregation for subscriptions.

The Pastor reported that a Presbyterian Sunday School had been organized at Albion Place last Sunday afternoon, with sixty-five persons present.

*November 11, 1891.*—The Moderator was authorized to make a statement of the needs of the Lake View Presbyterian Association from the pulpit, and to say that a Committee representing that church would canvass the Congregation for funds. He was also authorized to furnish the committee with a list of names of persons to be called upon, and with a circular letter of introduction to the congregation.

December 11, 1891.

A communication was received from the teachers in our Sunday School, as follows:

*"Resolved,* That we recommend to the Session of the Church the adoption of the plan of systematic weekly offerings for benevolent and Sunday School work, and that the expenses of the Sunday School be defrayed out of the Church treasury."

Mr. Nelson offered the following:

Whereas, the General Assembly of our Church agreed in 1881 "that each church should have a plan of giving, and each member should be taught to set apart regularly a certain proportion of his income to the Lord;" and whereas, in 1886 the General Assembly adopted a new Chapter in the Directory for Worship, to wit: "Chapter VI. Of the Worship of God by Offerings," wherein it is declared to be "proper and very desirable that every member of the Congregation may be trained to give of his substance systematically, and as the Lord hath prospered him, to promote the preach-

ing of the Gospel in all the world and to every creature, according to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ; that an opportunity be given for offerings by the Congregation in this behalf every Lord's day;" and whereas, the plan of systematic weekly offerings has been very successful wherever tried, resulting almost invariably in a very much larger number of members of the Congregation giving, and in a very much larger sum being contributed—

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three members of the Session, of whom the Pastor shall be one, to consider the expediency of adopting the system of weekly offerings, and report on the whole subject at a subsequent meeting of the Session.

The resolution was adopted, and Elders Nelson and Clark were appointed such Committee, with the Pastor.

Mr. Muzzy moved that the Trustees be requested to relinquish the collection taken up on the first Sunday in the month, in the morning, in order that it be appropriated to the Benevolent Funds of the Boards of the Church. Agreed to, unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved that the Pastor be requested to present on the first Sunday of each month, the aims and needs of the respective Boards of the Church. Agreed to, unanimously.

April 13, 1892.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted the following:

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence would report:

Your Committee would recommend the introduction of the system of weekly offerings, as recommended by the General Assembly, for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

Of the various plans it is recommended that the system be adopted which calls upon every member of the Church to pledge himself or herself to a stated weekly offering, to be put in an envelope each Sunday, and dropped into the contribution box. A record should be kept of these pledges, and an account opened with each person so contributing. This system must be purely voluntary. No member of the Church should feel under compulsion to pledge a certain sum, nor to give a certain sum, except so far as urged by conscience. It is recognized that many now give as liberally as their means will allow, who do not use the envelopes hitherto in use. Many will prefer to give in this way hereafter. They must be at liberty to do so. Still, it seems to be generally admitted that the system of pledging, and placing the sum pledged weekly in an envelope, bearing the number of the giver, is the preferable plan, yielding the best results. A series of cards, envelopes, etc., is submitted herewith, with the recommendation that they be adopted.

"Respectfully submitted,

"April 13, 1892.

Signed { F. E. Miller, Chairman.  
Wm. Nelson,  
H. I. Clark."



The Committee also submitted the draft of a circular to be sent to every member of the Congregation.

The report of the Committee was received and adopted, and the draft of circular was also adopted, and the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was directed to sign the same, and to inaugurate the new system as soon as practicable.

#### CIRCULAR.

DEAR FRIEND:—The General Assembly of our Church in 1886 adopted a new chapter in the Directory of Worship, wherein it is declared: "In order that every member of the Congregation may be trained to give of his substance systematically, and as the Lord hath prospered him, to promote the preaching of the Gospel in all the world and to every creature, according to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ; it is proper and very desirable that an opportunity be given for offerings by the Congregation in this behalf every Lord's Day." This is a duty that comes home to every one. All that you have is the Lord's. He does not ask you to give it all to Him. But can you not set apart a stated portion of your probable income, for his service? It is desirable that *every* member of the Congregation shall give a stated portion of his or her income, weekly, to the Lord. In his way every member is trained to giving systematically. Moreover, we want you to study for yourself the various Boards of the Church, their work and their needs, and to give to each according to your interest therein. The experience of other Churches has shown that great results are gained by *small* offerings. Our Lord Jesus did not despise the widow's mite.

Our church has 314 members. Last year we raised about \$1,450 for Gospel work. This was less than ten cents per week for every member. Did you give all you could afford to give? If every member were to increase his or her contribution during the coming year by only two cents a week, that would increase the total by \$300.

The Session has decided to follow out the direction of the General Assembly, and to introduce the system of weekly offerings. It is earnestly hoped that you will respond to this call. If you do, please indicate on the enclosed card the sum that you feel able and willing to pledge yourself to give weekly during the rest of this year. Sign your name and address, and drop the card in the contribution box next Sunday. You will then be furnished with a useful and ornamental calendar, containing envelopes and cards for the rest of the year, in which you may enclose your weekly offerings. An account will be kept of every contributor. The smallest child will have name and gift recorded here, as well as in Heaven. A record will be kept by the Treasurer of the Session, and no one else will have any knowledge of the sums given. Thus none need feel the slightest delicacy

about giving small sums. If at any time you wish to withdraw your pledge, you may do so upon notice to the Treasurer.

F. E. MILLER, }  
WM. NELSON, } *Committee.*  
H. I. CLARK. }

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Annual Report to Presbytery—April 1, 1891 to April 1, 1892.

Elders	5
Deacons	0
Added on examination	13
"    "    certificate	18
Total of communicants.	317
Baptisms—Infants	7
"    Adults	0
Sabbath School membership	395
Home Missions	\$379.
Foreign    "	348.
Education	15.
Sabbath School Work	16.
Church Erection	320.
Relief Fund	31.
Freedmen	15
Sustentation or Synodical Aid	15
Aid for Colleges	15
General Assembly	41 30
Congregational	6,373.
American Bible Society	27.
Miscellaneous	292.
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	\$ 7,887.30

June 10, 1892.—On motion, the Pastor and Elder Nelson were appointed a committee with power, to procure a seal for the Session, and to agree upon the design thereof.

August 24, 1892.

Elder Nelson offered the following minute and moved that it be entered on the records of the Session:

"The Session desires to place on record its high appreciation of the faithful and painstaking discharge of his duties as an Elder of this Church by Mr. Henry I. Clark, for a period of six years, during most of which time he acted as Treasurer of Session. He was zealous in every good

work that in his judgment was calculated to promote the interests of the Church, and spared neither time, ability nor money to that end. The Session regrets that Mr. Clark has felt constrained by certain circumstances to decline his unanimous re-election to the office he filled so well. The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this minute to Mr. Clark."

The Moderator expressed his dissent to the minute, and desired to have it entered on the minutes. Also his protest. He suggested for the second sentence, "He was zealous in behalf of the Church." This amendment was not agreed to. He suggested as an amendment, to strike out the words "and spared neither" and to substitute the words "and gave," which was accepted by the mover. He also suggested and insisted that the words "so well" be stricken out, and the words "with marked fidelity" be substituted, which was agreed to: *Yeas*—the Moderator and Elders Lockwood, Moore and Arnold. *Nays*—Elders Muzzy and Nelson. After two or three other verbal alterations, the minute was unanimously adopted as follows:

"The Session desires to place on record its high appreciation of the faithful and painstaking discharge of his duties as an Elder of this Church by Mr. Henry I. Clark, for a period of six years, during most of which time he acted as Treasurer of Session. He was always zealous in every good work that in his judgment was calculated to promote the interests of the Church, and gave time, ability and money to that end. The Session regrets that Mr. Clark has felt constrained by certain circumstances to decline his unanimous re-election to the office which he filled with marked fidelity. The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this minute to Mr. Clark."

September 7, 1893—The Session met in the church parlor. Present --the Moderator and Elders Nelson and Arnold. Opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Elder Nelson offered a minute relative to Elder Lockwood, which was modified at the suggestion of the Moderator and adopted as follows:

"It is with deep regret that Session learns that it is the intention of Elder James D. Lockwood, for nearly forty years a member of this Session, to discontinue his attendance henceforth on the services of this Church. Mr. Lockwood has attended this Church during all his long life of nearly four score years, except when residing for some years elsewhere, and Session deeply deplores the circumstances which have made it impossible for Elder Lockwood to continue attending the Church to which he has been devoted all his life. Under all the circumstances, the Session advises that Elder Lockwood's name be retained on the roll of Elders and

of members of this Church. The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this minute to Mr. Lockwood."

The Moderator stated that he had granted letters of dismission to Samuel V. S. Muzzy, one of the Elders of this Church;

Lucy V. Muzzy, wife of Samuel V. S. Muzzy;

Henry Muzzy, and

Hattie S. his wife;

Mrs. Sarah J. Crane;

Mary E. Crane;

Jane Townsend.

All to the Church of the Redeemer,  
in this city.

Elder Nelson stated that inasmuch as he desired to withdraw from the Church at this time, as Elder Lockwood declined to attend the Church any longer, and it was doubtful if Elder Moore would again attend, he would offer, for himself and in behalf of Elder Muzzy, to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper on the coming Sabbath, if they should be desired by the remaining members of the Session—the Moderator and Elder Arnold.

Closed with prayer by Elder Nelson.

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